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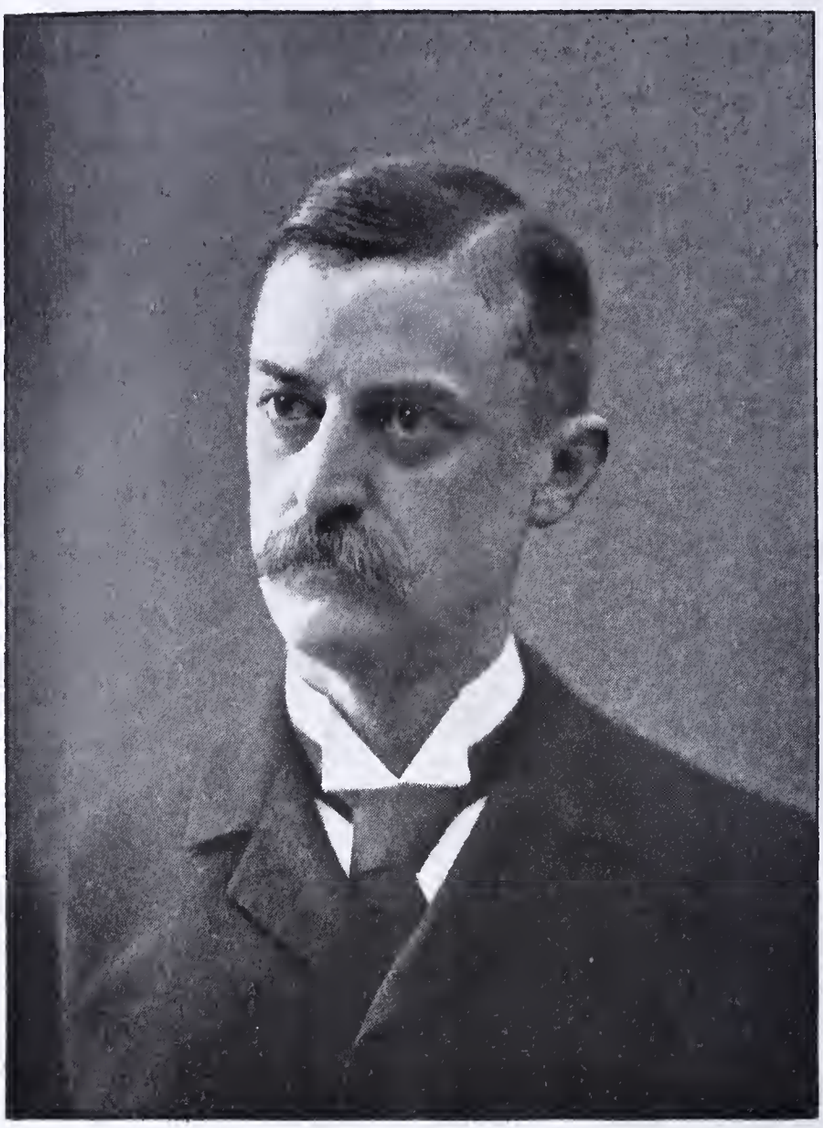

HARRY M. VANZANDT.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar

and

THE APPENDANT ORDERS

of Pennsylvania

PROCEEDINGS

of the

45th ANNUAL CONCLAVE

held in the

CITY OF HARRISBURG

May 24th and 25th

1898

Being in the Year of the Order, 780
And of the Establishment in Pennsylvania, 101

R. E. SIR HARRY M. VAN ZANDT, Grand Commander

R. E. SIR WILLIAM. W. ALLEN, Grand Recorder

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Forty-fifth Annual Conclave

HARRISBURG,

Tuesday, May 24th, 1898.

GENERAL ORDERS FOR REVIEW AND PARADE

I. The Commanderies will assemble for annual parade and review in the city of Harrisburg, on Tuesday, May 24, 1898.

II. The parade will be formed in three divisions, as follows :

First Division on North Front Street, right resting on Market Street.

Second Division on South Front Street, right resting on Market Street.

Third Division on North Second Street, right resting on Market Street.

III. The Commander of each Commandery must report with his Commandery to the Marshal of the Division to which he is assigned at the place of formation of the Division promptly at 10 A. M.

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IV. A bugle will be sounded at 10.15 A.M., when the several divisions will be formed in columns of sections.

V. A bugle will be sounded at 10.30 A. M., precisely, when the line will move promptly in the following order: East on Market Street to Fourth Street, to Walnut Street, to Third Street, to North Street, to Sixth Street, to Reily Street, to Third Street, to State Street, to Front Street, to Market Street, to Second Street and dismiss.

VI. The parade will be reviewed by the Grand Officers from a reviewing stand on the west side of North Front Street, opposite Locust Street.

VII. All Commanderies must pass the reviewing stand in columns of sections, Officers at a salute and the Sir Knights in line at a carry.

VIII. Any Commandery failing to be in line at the hour stated will forfeit the position assigned to it in these orders and must take position on the extreme left of the entire column.

IX. The Chief of Staff, the Marshals of Divisions and their aids, and those accompanying the Grand Commander, will report in full Templar uniform to the Grand Commander at the Commonwealth Hotel at 9.30 A. M. to receive orders and prepare to mount.

X. Grand Officers and Past Grand Commanders not participating in the parade, and Grand Officers from other jurisdictions, will report at the reviewing stand at 11 A. M. to assist in reviewing the parade.

E. Sir William M. Donaldson is appointed to act as Chief of Staff.

By order of

Harry W. VanZandt

Grand Commander.

ATTEST :

Grand Recorder.

ARRAY:

Grand Captain-General:
E. SIR ADAM H. SCHMEHL.

Chief of Staff:
E. SIR WILLIAM M. DONALDSON.

Staff:

E. Sir Charles M. Stock.
E. Sir Joshua L. Lyte.
E. Sir John F. Laedlein.
E. Sir Charles P. Walker.
E. Sir John C. Owsley.
E. Sir Niles M. Fissel.
E. Sir J. Brua Hoyer.
E. Sir Thaddeus S. Adle.

Officers and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery.

Corinthian "Chasseur" Commandery, No. 53, Escort to the Grand Commandery.

FIRST DIVISION.

Marshal:
E. SIR HERMAN JUNKER.

Aids:

E. Sir Lewis L. Forbes.
E. Sir John F. Gwinner.
E. Sir Harry S. Beaver.
E. Sir Charles C. Wehn.

Commanderies:

Philadelphia, No. 2.
St. John's, No. 4.
St. John's, No. 8.
De Molay, No. 9.
Mountain, No. 10.
Crusade, No. 12.
Lancaster, No. 13.
Kedron, No. 18.
Hugh De Payens, No. 19.
York, No. 21.
Baldwin II, No. 22.

SECOND DIVISION.

Marshal:
E. SIR WILSON I. FLEMING.

Aids:

E. Sir Harry K. Leech.
E. Sir Henry A. Felix.
E. Sir Benj. F. Irving.
E. Sir N. Sargent Ross.

Commanderies:

Packer, No. 23.
Hermit, No. 24.
Lewistown, No. 26.
Kadosh, No. 29.
Hutchinson, No. 32.
Allegheny, No. 35.
Mary, No. 36.
Calvary, No. 37.
Reading, No. 42.
Dieu le Veut, No. 45.
St. Alban, No. 47.

THIRD DIVISION.

Marshal :

E. SIR FRANCIS H. HEMPERLEY.

Aids :

E. Sir Jacob Sell.
E. Sir Walter K. Lits.
E. Sir Winfield S. Colville.
E. Sir John C. Bucher.

Commanderies :

Tancred, No. 48.
Kensington, No. 54.
Continental, No. 56.
Ascalon, No. 59.
Oriental, No. 61.
Huntingdon, No 65.
Duquesne, No. 72.
Gethsemane, No. 75.
Shamokin, No. 77.
Pilgrim, No. 11

Order of Business

To be Observed at the Forty-fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, to be held in Harrisburg, Tuesday, May 24, 1898.

Resolutions, Motions, etc., and Reports of Committees are required to be in writing, signed by the Knight offering the same. This is necessary that the minutes may be correctly reported.

All proxies are required to conform to Section 6, page 11, and Form No. IX., page 58, of the Book of the Law of the Grand Commandery.

The Roll will be called at opening of each day's session.

Annual Parade and Review, Tuesday, May 24th, at 10 A. M.

Roll Call at 3 o'clock P. M.

Opening of Grand Commandery at 3 o'clock prompt.

Minutes of the last Annual Conclave read, unless dispensed with.

Reports of Grand Officers.

New Business.

Appeals.

Wednesday, May 25, 9.30 o'clock A. M.

Report of Representative to Masonic Home of Pennsylvania.

Reports of Standing Committees.

On Doings of the Grand Officers.

On Dispensations and Charters.

On By-Laws.

On Finance.

On Grievances and Appeals.

On Designating the Next Place of Meeting.

On Unfinished Business.

On Mileage per Diem.

On Templar Jurisprudence.

On Foreign Correspondence.

On Printing and Publishing.

On Credentials.

Annual Election of Grand Officers on Wednesday, May 25, 1898, at 10 o'clock A. M.

In accordance with the Constitution, only members of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania can be present during the election, except by consent of the Grand Commandery.

The Installation of Grand Officers on Wednesday, May 25, at 8 o'clock P. M., at the Grand Opera House.

Closing of the Grand Commandery.

Harry W. VanZandt

Grand Commander.

ATTEST:

Grand Recorder.

Forty-fifth Annual Conclave.

The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Appendant Orders of Pennsylvania, assembled in Chestnut Street Hall, Harrisburg, on Tuesday afternoon, May 24, 1898, at 3 o'clock.

The Grand Recorder called the roll of members of the Grand Commandery, when the following were found present.

R. E. Sir Harry M. Van Zandt ..... *Grand Commander*
V. E. Sir Henry H. Kuhn ..... *Deputy Grand Commander*
E. Sir James B. Youngson ..... *Grand Generalissimo*
E. Sir Adam H Schmehl ..... *Grand Captain-General*
E. Sir and Rev. Thomas N. Boyle ..... *Grand Prelate*
E. Sir Thomas F. Penman ..... *Grand Senior Warden*
E. Sir Ezra S. Bartlett ..... *Grand Junior Warden*
E. Sir John Jay Gilroy ..... *Grand Treasurer*
R. E. Sir William W. Allen ..... *Grand Recorder*
E. Sir William Fox Eckbert ..... *Grand Standard Bearer*
E. Sir John C. Wallace ..... *Grand Sword Bearer*
E. Sir Frederick Münch ..... *Grand Warder*
E. Sir Peter Barkey ..... *Grand Captain of the Guard*
E. Sir Owen M. Copelin ..... *Grand Marshal*

Past Grand Commanders—R. E. Sirs Christian F. Knapp, John Vallerchamp, Andrew J. Kauffman, John P. S. Gobin, P. G. M., Geo. W. Kendrick, Jr., Joseph Alexander, Jr., Lee S. Smith, William W. Allen, James H. Codding, Irving P. Wanger, Edward B. Spencer and Samuel S. Yohe.

Grand Representatives.

E. Sir Frank M. Highley, Grand Commandery of Arizona.
R. E. Sir Edward B. Spencer, Grand Commandery of Alabama.
E. Sir Frederick Münch, Grand Commandery of California.
E. Sir Charles Cary, Grand Commandery of Connecticut.
R. E. Sir Andrew J. Kauffman, Grand Commandery of Illinois.
E. Sir Robert J. Linden, Grand Commandery of Indiana.

E. Sir Oliver S. Hemphill, Grand Commandery of Iowa.
E. Sir Ezra S. Bartlett, Grand Commandery of Maine.
R. E. Sir George W. Kendrick, Jr., Grand Commandery of Maryland.
M E. Sir John P. S. Gobin, Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.
R. E. Sir James H. Codding, Grand Commandery of Mississippi.
E. Sir Daniel Sutter, Grand Commandery of Missouri.
E. Sir Edgar A. Tennis, Grand Commandery of Montana.
R. E. Sir Joseph Alexander, Jr., Grand Commandery of Nebraska.
R. E. Sir William W. Allen, Grand Commandery of New Jersey.
R. E. Sir Lee S. Smith, Grand Commandery of South Dakota.
E. Sir Thomas P. Merritt, Grand Commandery of Texas.
E. Sir N. Ferree Lightner, Grand Commandery of Vermont.
R. E. Sir James H. Codding, Grand Commandery of Washington.
E. Sir Edward Perry, Grand Commandery of West Virginia.
E. Sir Frank McSparren, Grand Commandery of Wisconsin.
E. Sir Michael W. Jacobs, Grand Commandery of Wyoming.
And a Constitutional Number of Commanderies.

The Hon. J. D. Patterson, Mayor of the City of Harrisburg, extended a welcome to the members of the Grand Commandery and visiting Sir Knights, in the following words:

Right Eminent Commander and visiting Sir Knights: Our esteemed friends, Messrs. Van Zandt and Donaldson, feared that this program would not be complete unless the Mayor was placed on exhibition to extend you a formal welcome. This seems scarcely necessary at this time. From the moment of your arrival in our city the exhibition and the manner of our people has been sufficient evidence to you that you were welcome, heartily welcome to our community. It is scarcely necessary to say any words to the representative body of men here to-day, representing the ancient and time-honored organization of Knights Templar who have succeeded in retaining their organization against all adverse circumstances through the many years in which they have come down to us They have maintained the respect and the confidence and the esteem because they represent the substantial and prosperous interests of the communities in which they live. For this reason we are exceedingly glad, in fact we are delighted to have you in our community. Even the elements, notwithstanding the fact that our friend Ridgway is here, have favored us to-day. Now we know you are here for business. We want your stay here in the city to be of the most pleasant character. One and all of us are ready to extend to you a glad and hearty welcome and cordial greeting We would be pleased to have you make your stay longer, but while you are here, I speak now in behalf of the people of this city, I extend to you their most generous welcome, and if there is anything we can do for you, all that is necessary is for you to intimate it, if we fail to anticipate your wishes. May your sessions be ben-

eficial to your organization, and when you leave us, leave us with the same kindly feeling that we welcome you with Allow me to extend to you the most cordial greeting and say to you that the city is free to you, and we will let you have the greatest and widest freedom that words can convey to you.

The Grand Prelate, E. Sir and Rev. Thomas N. Boyle, on behalf of the Grand Commandery and Sir Knights responded as follows:

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Mr Mayor and Sir Knights: Any man who has a record of fidelity to principle, and a proper breadth of thought and a high sense of honor, should certainly feel himself complimented when called upon to represent such a body of men as I face here to-day, and I merely rise to say, with the honored Mayor, that while it may be possible that upon other occasions he has been called upon to represent a body of men equal in their integrity, in their honor, and in their fidelity to principle, he has never welcomed a body of men that can surpass the body that I represent here at this hour. A body of men, that I take it, represents the very highest type of civilization that is to be found in the world to day, because, sir, I claim that there is no state in the Union, there is no community to be found upon the face of the earth where there is a better type of civilization than is to be found in the grand old Keystone State of Pennsylvania. The body of men that are before you to-day have been brought up in the homes that were founded by those, who in the years gone by, came to this unsettled country in order that they might find for themselves a place where they could exercise their own freedom, and where they could develop the power with which God has endowed them, and when those who were reared in these homes first kneeled at the altars of Masonry, they were reminded that those principles were dearer and better than any that had been instilled in them before, and as they pass from point to point, and advance from degree to degree, there was unfolded before them constantly a lesson that reminded them that what they had taken in their childhood had been drilled into their hearts and minds so that it had become a part of their life, and gave them that distinction which they were entitled to enjoy to-day. Let me say to you that the banners that were borne over them to-day, as they marched through the city, are but an indication of the principles that are better to them than their own lives, and I do not refer merely to the banners that are peculiar to the order, with which we are identified, but I refer in addition, to that brighter and better banner, the grand old flag of our Country.

The flag that has never been conquered, and it has never been conquered because up to this hour, it has never waved over an army of oppression. It has never given countenance to the land that has used it as a power to tyrannize over the people, but it has stood forth as a signal of our liberties, and it stands to-day as an ensign of our power and a permanence

of our future. At this hour it is an inspiration that makes the blood flow in our veins and develops within us that spirit of patriotism which tells us as an organization to love our country beyond everything else in the world. The flag that not only brings inspiration to us at this hour, but down yonder in those islands, to that unfortunate class of people who are waiting until those that bear that flag shall come to them with food for the hungry, and clothing for the naked, and liberty for those in chains. Let me say to you, Mr. Mayor, that while it is certainly a congratulation upon our part that we are permitted to enjoy the hospitality of the people of your city, you are to be congratulated upon the fact that you have as your guests a body of typical men that honor God, that honor their country; and I thank you on their behalf for your kind words of welcome and the city's freedom, and give you their assurance that your words are highly appreciated by them.

The R. E. Grand Commander was then pleased to open the Grand Commandery.

The Sir Knights were led in their devotions by the Grand Prelate.

R. E. Sir William H. Sebring, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New Jersey, and his staff, honored the Grand Commandery with their presence, and were received with knightly courtesy and warmly welcomed by the Grand Commander in an address, to which R. E. Sir Sebring made suitable response.

The reading of the Records of the Forty-fourth Annual Conclave, held May 25, 26, 1897, was, upon motion, dispensed with; the same having been printed and distributed, and the Records as printed were approved.

Upon motion, duly made and passed, several Sir Knights who were not in uniform were admitted to the Grand Commandery.

ANNUAL REPORT OF GRAND COMMANDER.

The Grand Commander then read his Annual Report, which, upon motion, was referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, and is as follows:

Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery:

FRATERS:—I desire to submit to you the record of the administration of the high office which, one year ago, you

were pleased to commit to my care. In so doing I take this opportunity to acknowledge the cordial support you have given my every effort, as well as the gracious favor of the "Great Captain of Our Salvation" upon this our Order so abundantly vouchsafed.

In assuming the duties and responsibilities of this office I well knew that I could not discharge them unless I had the enthusiastic support and loving encouragement of each Sir Knight. This I have had to its fullest measure and what of success has come to my administration you have most generously and willingly contributed. I promised you that in the discharge of my duties I would be honest, faithful and earnest. It is for you to say whether or not I have been; but for me to say that I have honestly, faithfully, earnestly, and I may add, fearlessly made the effort.

We are assembled in this the 45th Annual Conclave with a prosperity attained throughout the jurisdiction second to none in all these many years, an increased membership that is most encouraging and an earnest and increasing devotion to the noble principles of our Order that has made itself keenly felt, and this Grand Commandery an object of emulation.

Under date of June 1, 1897, I caused to be issued a circular letter, advising all Commanderies, subordinate to this Grand Commandery, of certain resolutions adopted by the Grand Commandery at its last Annual Conclave, to wit:

1st. Instruction to Recorders to furnish two copies of By-Laws, or Amendments thereto, to the Committee on By-Laws of the Grand Commandery.

2nd. Assessment of ninety cents per capita levied upon each subordinate Commandery to defray the expenses of the Grand Commandery incident to the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, to be held in Pittsburg, Pa., October, 1898.

3rd. Relative to the change in equipment of Eminent Commanders and Past Commanders.

Under date of August 20, 1897, issued circular letter communicating to the Sir Knights of this jurisdiction the courteous invitation of R. E. Sir William J. Ely, Grand Commander of Tennessee, for them to be present on Masonic and Knight Templar Day, October 14, 1897, at the Tennessee Centennial Exposition at Nashville, Tenn.

VISITATIONS.

June 3, 1897. Pilgrim Commandery No. 11, Harrisburg, Pa.

September 2, 1897. Pilgrim Commandery No. 11, Harrisburg, Pa.

September 27, 1897. Attended a Special Conclave of Pilgrim Commandery No. 11, and went with them to Norristown to attend the funeral of their late Generalissimo, Sir Knight Joseph Pomeroy; services at the latter place being conducted by Hutchinson Commandery No. 32.

September 28 and 29, 1897. Visited Pittsburg, Pa., where I met Grand Master M. E. Sir Warren La Rue Thomas. On the afternoon of the 28th participated in the review of Division No. 2, at Schenley Park. On the 29th inspected the apartments, etc., proposed to be reserved as headquarters for the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania for the Triennial Conclave in October, 1898, and the proposed place for holding the business session of the Grand Encampment. Also attended a Special Conclave of Pittsburg Commandery No. 1, and witnessed the conferring of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the Order of the Temple. On this visitation I was accompanied by the V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, E. Grand Generalissimo, Grand Recorder and Grand Sword Bearer.

October 7, 1897. Visited Pilgrim Commandery No. 11, Harrisburg, Pa.

October 30, 1897. Attended meeting of Line Officers Association of Division No. 1, in Blue Room, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

November 4, 1897. Visited Pilgrim Commandery No. 11, Harrisburg, Pa.

November 25, 1897. Visited Mountain Commandery No. 10, Altoona, Pa., and witnessed the conferring of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and Order of the Temple. On this visitation I was accompanied by the V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.

December 2, 1897. Visited Pilgrim Commandery No. 11 Harrisburg, Pa.

December 9, 1897. Visited St. John's Commandery No. 8, Carlisle, Pa., and witnessed the conferring of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and Order of the Temple.

December 25, 1897. Met with Pilgrim Commandery No. 11 in an informal gathering in Scottish Rite Cathedral, Harrisburg, Pa., for Christmas observance.

December 29, 1897. Visited Reading Commandery No. 42, and witnessed the conferring of the Order of the Temple.

January 17, 1898. Visited Corinthian "Chasseur" Commandery No. 53, and witnessed the conferring of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross.

January 24, 1898. Visited Huntingdon Commandery No. 65, and witnessed the conferring of the Order of the Red Cross.

January 25, 1898. Visited St. Alban Commandery No. 47 and witnessed the conferring of the Order of the Temple.

January 26, 1898. Visited Tancred Commandery No. 48, and witnessed the conferring of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the Order of the Temple.

February 8, 1898. Visited Shamokin Commandery No. 77.

March 22, 1898. Visited Lewistown Commandery No. 26 and witnessed the conferring of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross.

March 25, 1898. Visited Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 19 and witnessed the conferring of the Order of the Temple.

April 1, 1898. Dedicated the new banner of Corinthian "Chasseur" Commandery No. 53, in Philadelphia.

April 7, 1898. Visited Pilgrim Commandery No. 11, and installed its officers.

April 12, 1898. Visited De Molay Commandery No. 9, and installed its officers.

April 22, 1898. Visited Pilgrim Commandery No. 11 and witnessed the conferring of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross by Dispensation.

April 26, 1898. Visited Tancred Commandery No. 48, and witnessed the conferring of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and Order of the Temple. Most Eminent Sir Warren La Rue Thomas, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, U. S. A., officiating.

May 6, 1898. Visited Pilgrim Commandery No. 11 and witnessed the conferring of the Order of the Temple.

At the time of my visit to St. John's Commandery No. 8, Carlisle, Pa., on December 9, 1897, I learned of an irregularity in the report of the Committee to whom the petition of Companion ———— had been referred, although he had been duly balloted for and approved at their previous stated Conclave. I thereupon ordered the Eminent Commander to appoint another committee, with instructions to report forthwith that the aforesaid irregularity might be remedied; and upon this committee reporting favorably I instructed the Eminent Commander that he might proceed with the conferring of the Orders, and as there was no objection made by any Sir Knight present, the same was done. As it was an Extra Conclave of the Commandery, I did not deem it expedient to

order a re-ballot upon the petition of the applicant; but, as he had been duly balloted for and approved at a Stated Conclave of the Commandery, and being an innocent party so far as the irregularity of the report of the committee on his application was concerned, I did feel warranted in instructing that the Orders be conferred upon him, with the additional instructions that he petition in regular form for membership.

I take great pleasure in calling attention to the good results accomplished by the Line Officers' Association of the First Division, and believe similar organizations in all divisions, where locations of Commanderies will permit of it, would result in doing much good for Templarism in this Grand Jurisdiction.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

To Hermit Commandery No. 24, to hold a special election to fill vacancy in office of Trustee.

To Warren Commandery No. 63, to attend the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New York at Jamestown, N. Y.

To Clarence Commandery No. 51, to attend the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New York at James town, N. Y.

To Mt. Olivet Commandery No. 30, to attend the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New York at Jamestown, N. Y.

To Franklin Commandery No. 44, to attend the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New York at Jamestown, N. Y.

To Trinity Commandery No. 58, to attend the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New York at Jamestown, N. Y.

To Allegheny Commandery No. 35, to hold a special election to fill vacancy in the office of Captain General.

To Wyoming Valley Commandery No. 57, to assemble in Conclave and transact business in accordance with Templar Laws and their own By-Laws in the absence of their Warrant, the same having been lost or mislaid.

To Pilgrim Commandery No. 11, to hold special election to fill vacancy in the office of Generalissimo and any vacancies occurring by such election.

To Mt. Olivet Commandery No. 30, to hold special election to fill vacancy in office of Treasurer.

To Potter Commandery No. 69, to appear in full Templar uniform for the purpose of holding a reception to their ladies.

To Pittsburg Commandery No. 1, to appear in full Templar uniform for the purpose of paying a fraternal visit to Allegheny Commandery No. 35.

To Allegheny Commandery No. 35, to appear in full Templar uniform for the purpose of giving an exhibition drill.

To Corinthian "Chasseur" Commandery No. 53, to appear in full Templar uniform on the occasion of the presentation and reception of its new banner.

To Tancred Commandery No. 48, to hold a postponed Conclave on the evening of May 30, (May 25 being date of stated Conclave.)

To Lawrence Commandery No. 62, to appear in full Templar uniform for the purpose of attending divine services on Easter Sunday, April 10, 1898.

To Franklin Commandery No. 44, to appear in full Templar uniform for the purpose of attending divine services on Easter Sunday, April 10, 1898.

To Dieu le Veut Commandery No. 45, to appear in full Templar uniform for the purpose of attending divine services on Easter Sunday, April 10, 1898.

To Duquesne Commandery No. 72, to appear in full Templar uniform for the purpose of public installation of its officers.

To Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 67, giving permission to receive and ballot upon certain applications for Orders and Membership without waiting usual time. (Cause, delay in United States mail.)

To Tancred Commandery No. 48, to hold a special election for Recorder, the Recorder elected at the annual election having declined to serve.

To Dieu le Veut Commandery No. 45, to appear in full Templar uniform for the purpose of public installation of officers.

To Pilgrim Commandery No. 11, to confer the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, Knight Templar and Order of Malta, upon Companion Wm. F. Richardson without waiting the usual time.

To Melita Commandery No. 68, to confer the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, Knight Templar and Order of Malta, upon Companion William R. Pierce without waiting the usual time.

To St. John's Commandery No. 8, to confer the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, Knight Templar and Order of Malta, upon Companion William Watts Galbraith without waiting the usual time.

NOTE.—Of the three dispensations immediately preceding, the first two, viz : That of Companion Wm. F. Richardson and Companion William R. Pierce, were granted on account of their being officers in the National Guard of Pennsylvania, and having been ordered into service ; and the third that of Wm. Watts Galbraith was granted on account of his being an officer in the U. S. Army and having been ordered outside of the State. These dispensations were all recommended by the Division Commanders.

To Jacques de Molay Commandery No. 3, placing Sir Knight John D. Schultz, a former member, in good Templar standing.

To Mary Commandry No. 36, to appear in full Templar uniform on the occasion of the presentation and reception of its new banner.

To Talbot Commandery No. 43, to appear in full Templar uniform for the purpose of attending divine services, Sunday, May 22, 1898.

To any or all Commanderies of this jurisdiction to attend divine services on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 19, 1898, and to appear in full Templar uniform,

To Northern Commandery No. 16, stationed at Towanda, to confer the Order of Malta upon Sir Knight Frederick H. Johnson, a member of Great Bend Commandery No. 27.

At the request of R. E. Sir John E. Rowe, Grand Commander of New Jersey, waiving jurisdiction over Companion J. Harry Mull in favor of Cyrene Commandery No. 7, stationed at Camden, N. J., St. Alban Commandery No. 47 consenting.

To St. Alban Commandery No. 47, to ballot on the petitions of certain Companions at their Conclave held Thursday, May 19, 1898, the stated Conclave of that Commandery falling on May 24. At the stated Conclave held March 22, 1898, the date for holding the May Conclave was, in accordance with the By-Laws, changed to May 19, so as to enable the Commandery to attend the 45th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery and in order that no hardship might be suffered by the Commandery or the Companions, request being recommended by the Division Commander.

To Pilgrim Commandery No. 11 to hold an extra Conclave in Kelker Street Hall, Harrisburg, on May 23, 1898, for the purpose of having the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross conferred by Tancred Commandery No. 48.

Received from R. E. Sir John A. Mapes, Grand Commander of New York, permission for Commanderies Nos. 30, 44, 51, 58 and 63 to invade the jurisdiction of New York on the occasion of the Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New York at Jamestown, September 14, 1897.

Received from R. E. Sir Arthur Mac Arthur, Grand Commander of New York, dispensation waiving jurisdiction over

Companion Wilbur C. Farley, resident of Lakewood, N. Y., in favor of Clarence Commandery No. 51 stationed at Corry, Pa.

Received from R. E. Sir John E. Rowe, Grand Commander of New Jersey, dispensation waiving jurisdiction over Sir Knight John L. Johnson in favor of St. Alban Commandery N. 47, to which Commandery he applied for membership.

Received from R. E. Sir William H. Sebring, Grand Commander of New Jersey, dispensation waiving jurisdiction over Companion Thomas J. Cross, resident of Atlantic City, N. J., in favor of Philadelphia Commandery No. 2.

By request of St. Andrews Commandery No. 76, stationed at Susquehanna, Pa., I asked R. E. Sir Walter Cutting, Grand Commander of Massachuetts and Rhode Island, to permit Boston Commandery No. 2 to confer the Order of Malta upon the Rev. and Sir Knight J. Benton Werner, member of St. Andrews Commandery No. 76, which request I am pleased to say was fraternally complied with.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED.

To Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1 to confer the Order of Malta upon members of other Commanderies of the Second Division; as I can see no good reason why each Commandery should not perform this duty itself and thereby fulfil what is expected of it by the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.

To Mountain Commandery No. 10 to change date of their stated Conclave to some day other than the 22d of February, 1898.

For a new Commandery to be stationed at Rochester, Pa.

BY-LAWS.

November 15, 1897; Approved amendments to the By-Laws of Moshannon Commandery No. 74 and Constantine Commandery No. 41.

December 22, 1897; Approved amendments to the By-Laws of Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 73.

February 26, 1898; Approved By-Laws of Knapp Commandery No. 40, Allegheny Commandery No. 35 and Mountain Commandery No. 10.

DECISIONS, RULINGS, OPINIONS AND QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

That, if a Committee reports upon an applicant for the Orders and Membership and the petition is placed by the Committee in the Recorder's hands in due form, the ballot must be had and no postponement is permissible. Provided, the Committee has the right to defer their report for a reasonable time to enable them to fully investigate.

A Sir Knight having been suspended and afterwards restored to good Templar standing, and in the meantime having taken up his residence outside of this State, becomes an unaffiliated Knight Templar and can apply for membership only in the Grand Jurisdiction where he resides, unless the Commandery nearest which he resides waives jurisdiction and the same is approved by the Grand Commander of that Grand Jurisdiction.

A Sir Knight suspended for non-payment of dues may be restored to good Templar standing by a majority vote of the Commandery. When this is done it is the duty of the Commandery to give him a certificate as provided for in Section 16 of Title XXIII, Book of the Law.

Companions residing in McDonald, Pa., can petition Commanderies stationed at either Pittsburgh, Allegheny or Washington, Pa., all three points being equidistant from McDonald.

[Based upon information obtained from official map of the State of Pennsylvania, issued by the Department of Internal Affairs.]

Companions residing in communities where two or more Commanderies have concurrent jurisdiction, a Companion having petitioned any one of these Commanderies, he is thereafter absolutely under the jurisdiction of that Commandery, and no other Commandery can receive and act upon his

petition without first obtaining permission from the Commandery which the Companion first petitioned. See decision of Grand Commander Yohe.

A Commandery holding jurisdiction and refusing to waive same in the case of a Companion applying to another Commandery, it is not within the province of the Grand Commander to interfere in any way.

The By-Laws of ——— Commandery No. ——— require that a certain fee accompany each petition. Petitions of certain Companions were presented unaccompanied by the necessary fee. Therefore the action of the Commandery in the election and approval of said applicants was irregular, no orders having been conferred.

Confirming verbal decision of Grand Commander Yohe made at the Conclave of the Grand Commandery at Easton, Pa., May 25 and 26, 1887; E. Sir George B. Wells has never ceased to be a member of Philadelphia Commandery No. 2, and, further, a Commandery has no right to "table" the resignation of a member.

Certain Companions residing within the jurisdiction of Commandery "A" No. "O" petitioned Commandery "B" No. "OO" for Orders and Membership. Permission to receive and act upon the petitions was refused by the first mentioned Commandery. These same Companions afterwards petitioned the first named Commandery. In the absence of any prior ruling on the question, I decided that six months time must elapse before their petitions could be received, or the same length of time as prescribed by the Law must elapse before a second petition can be presented after rejection, but did not decide whether Commandery "A" could act on said petition.

The Templar year ends April 30 and Dues are not due until that time.

In response to a request from the Grand Recorder for a ruling upon the question involved, I decided that each Com-

mandery of this Grand Jurisdiction shall pay into the Treasury of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania the sum of ninety cents per capita on the membership according to reports rendered to April 30, 1898; for, as all other payments to the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania will be based upon these reports, I take it that the additional ninety cents per capita should be levied according to these same reports bearing date of the termination of the present Templar year, to wit, April 30, 1898.

Notification to members in arrears for dues, to an amount making them, under the By-Laws of their Commandery, liable to suspension, should have the seal of the Commandery attached.

It is not within the province of a Commandery to call an extra or special Conclave by resolution; that power being vested in the Eminent Commander, or in his absence, in the Sir Knight presiding in his stead.

Question. Some members of ——— Commandery No. ——— being desirous of attending the Conclave of the Grand Encampment at Pittsburgh in 1898 and of providing funds for meeting the expenses of the trip, agree to pay the sum of fifty cents per month to a Treasurer to be hereafter appointed. Awaiting the selection of a Treasurer, sums of money aggregating nearly $200.00 were paid into the hands of Sir Knight ———, (this was about a year ago). Afterwards a Treasurer was elected and asked for the moneys in the hands of the said Sir Knight ———. It has been formally demanded of him repeatedly during the past six months and he has refused to pay it over. The only excuse he has given is that he needed the money and was obliged to use it. Is this such a Templar offense as will warrant a trial by the Commandery?

Answer. It is not an offense that will warrant a trial by the Commandery; as the funds misappropriated were not funds of the Commandery but of an organization independent of the Commandery. It would seem to be an offense for trial

before a jury in a Court of the Commonwealth, and upon an indictment founded upon the laws of the Commonwealth.

——— Commandery, No. ———, proposed to have delivered in their Asylum an address on Templarism by one of its members, and also upon the occasion have music furnished by other Sir Knights, members of the Commandery. They also asked permission "to have a popular young violinist participate," who is not a Knight Templar. In reply I said, "I cannot approve of an innovation such as you suggest, to wit: the introduction of one into your Asylum for any purpose whatever who is not a Knight Templar. It would be perfectly proper for you to do what you suggest at a banquet or social gathering, but not to admit him to your Asylum even, as I presume would be the case, when the Commandery was 'called off.'"

Commander of Division No. ——— asks: "Do you know of a Ritual published in cipher by ———, and will there be any objection to the officers of a Commandery using a Ritual of this kind.?"

Answer. "I can only say that your Grand Commander knows of but one Ritual, and that is the one issued through the proper channels by the Grand Encampment of the United States. No other can be recognized or used. The further question of whether any such publication as you refer to is correct or otherwise, does not even admit of discussion.

UNPLEASANT DUTIES.

For the proper preservation of the integrity of this Grand Commandery, I felt constrained to discipline Sir Knight ———, an officer of ——— Commandery, No. ———, for insubordination and expressions unbecoming a Knight Templar. Am more than pleased to be able to say that the Sir Knight acknowledged his error and made ample apology.

———Commandery No.———, stationed at ———, early in the Templar year solicited my endorsement of a proposed

Holy Land Pilgrimage. I, at first, demurred giving what might seem to be official recognition to a scheme gotten up for money-making purposes; and I regret to say I was, afterwards, by reason of certain representations made to me, persuaded to indite what I think was a conservative sort of approval of the affair; but which affair, I think, has reflected no credit on Knight Templarism and has since been commented upon, to me, by certain participants in a manner that reflects upon the Commandery that loaned its name to the scheme for, as I now believe, a money consideration; inasmuch as I am reliably informed that not one member of said Commandery participated in the so-called pilgrimage.

Charges were preferred by ——— Commandery, No. ———, vs. ——— Commandery, No. ———, for receiving a petition from and conferring Orders upon Companion C—— T. S——, without first obtaining permission to do so from first named Commandery, they claiming that said Companion's place of residence placed him within their jurisdiction. After a very considerable amount of correspondence I referred all the papers to the Division Commander with instructions to have charges preferred against the Companion for mis-stating, in his petition, his place of residence. My instructions were fully carried out and Companion C—— T. S—— proved that his place of residence was nearest the Commandery to which he had applied; hence charges were dismissed. All papers relative to this trial are submitted herewith.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE GRAND COMMANDER SHOULD COME THROUGH THE DIVISION COMMANDER.

I have received many communications direct from Commanderies which I have been compelled to refer back to the Division Commanders for advice, etc., causing delay and unnecessary correspondence, whereas, if officers of Commanderies would appreciate the fact that Division Commanders are intended to assist and aid the Grand Commander in the

performance of his duties and forward communications through that channel and thus obtain the recommendation or approval of the Division Commander, it would expedite the business and relieve the Grand Commander of much unnecessary work. Sir Knights should know that they can only address the Grand Commander through the Eminent Commander of their Commandery.

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION.

A Sir Knight who will indite a communication to his Grand Commander, and is not man enough to attach his name thereto, is unworthy of the name of man, much less fit to be a member of this Order. This stricture applies without any reservation to the writer of a letter received by me from Philadelphia signed "A Sir Knight," and to the author of another communication from Wilkes-Barre having no signature whatever.

As by my promise to the Chairman of the Committee, I herewith refer to you, for consideration, circular letter concerning the National Masonic Fair and Exposition, Washington, D. C.

I herewith submit, for your consideration, a communication from the Grand Commandery of Tennessee, expressing its disapproval of the appropriation of the emblem of our Order by other secret orders and religious societies.

All documents pertaining to petition for new Commandery to be stationed at Rochester, Pa., and by me refused, are submitted herewith, and I feel certain my action will be affirmed by the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

I cannot refrain from referring to the growing custom among Commanderies of inserting in the notices of Conclaves matter entirely foreign to Templarism and to the purpose for which the notice is intended. I refer particularly to so-called "Gossip Columns." My attention has been particularly attracted to an instance wherein an untruth was at least implied

if not intended. Another wherein one Commandery slurs another. Several attempts at witticisms that verge upon vulgarity.

Commandery notices to members are intended to serve a purpose and should be gotten up in as attractive a manner as possible, and all that more properly belongs to the doings of a social club or like organization should be excluded, and purity and cleanliness preserved.

I refer herewith to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals two communication received by me May 21st, 1898, from ——— and ———, respectively, appealing from the action of ——— Commandery No. —, K. T., in suspending them for non-payment of dues.

While it is my opinion that notices to members of arrearges in dues, which would subject them to suspension, should be under the seal of the Commandery, yet, in these two cases, from good and sufficient information which I have received, I am of the opinion that the petitioners named are pleading, what vulgarly may be termed, the "baby act;" and I think that the Committee of this Grand Commandery to which these appeals are hereby referred would be warranted in sustaining the Commandery in their action and notifying the petitioners that they can be restored to good Templar standing and membership by paying their honest debts to their Commandery.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

At request of R. E. Sir Cornelius Hedges, Grand Commander of Montana, I nominated E. Sir Edgar A. Tennis, of Pilgrim Commandery No. 11, as representative of the Grand Commandery of Montana near the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.

At the request of Grand Commander Loring of Iowa, I nominated E. Sir Oliver S. Hemphill, of Corinthian "Chasseur" Commandery No. 53, as representative of the Grand Commandery of Iowa near the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.

I commissioned E. Sir Walter Britton Kincannon, of Clarksville Commandery, No. 8, Jurisdiction of Tennessee, to represent the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania near the Grand Commandery of Tennessee, filling vacancy caused by the death of E. Sir Joseph M. Anderson.

DIVISION COMMANDERS.

I commissioned E. Sir James R. Goldsborough, of Trinity Commandery, No. 58, as Division Commander of Division No. 7, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late E. Sir Charles L. Wheeler.

I think, with possibly one exception, that all the Division Commanders have been attentive to their duties and done much to advance Templarism in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Have received satisfactory reports from Commanders of Divisions Nos. 5, 6, 8 and 16, and very commendable reports from Commanders of Divisions Nos. 2, 7, 9, 10, 12 and 14, and wish that your time would admit of my quoting freely from some of them, as they contain much which I consider valuable information.

CHRISTMAS DAY OBSERVANCE.

Caused to be issued a circular letter to all Commanderies of our Jurisdiction, announcing the Christmas Toast to the Grand Master, and am pleased to be able to say that the observance was quite general throughout the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

I requested Eminent Sir Ezra S. Bartlett, Grand Junior Warden and Commander of Division No. 1, in conjunction with Right Eminent Sir William W. Allen, Grand Recorder, to assume charge of the affair at the Grand Commandery Rooms in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, which was done in their usual Knightly manner. I myself participated in said observance with Pilgrim Commandery No. 11, stationed at Harrisburg.

I communicated by telegraph to the M. E. Grand Master, the good wishes of the Fraters of Pennsylvania, but received no acknowledgment.

I was the recipient of a large number of communications from Commanderies and Fraters throughout the State conveying to me their good wishes upon that day, all of which I was pleased to acknowledge receipt of.

ORDER OF MALTA.

I caused the following to be addressed to the Recorder of each Commandery, viz:

SIR KNIGHT—By order of the Grand Commander, R. E. Sir Harry M. Van Zandt, you will at once prepare and send to this office a list of all members of your Commandery who have not had the Order of Malta conferred upon them.

You will also report to me whether your Eminent Commander has a copy of the Malta Ritual in his possession, and if not, why not.

Courteously yours,

WILLIAM W. ALLEN,

Grand Recorder.

I find that a majority of the Commanderies overlook the importance or necessity of conferring this order upon all their members, that they themselves do not appreciate the fact nor impress upon candidates the fact that they are not members in full standing, and have no right to vote or hold office until they have received the Order of Malta.

I do not wish to be understood as suggesting a seditious thought, but I do believe that it would inure to the benefit of Templarism if the Grand Encampment could be persuaded to eliminate the Order of Malta from the Ritual, as I do not think that either in theory or fact is it a part of Templarism.

OUR DEAD.

Upon me has devolved the sad duty of issuing official notice of the death of two of our Past Grand Commanders, R. E. Sir Anthony Eugene Stocker, M. D., and R. E. Sir Joseph S. Wright. I am indebted to E. Sir Frank M. Highley and

Past Grand Commander Samuel S. Yohe for the preparation of suitable Obituaries the first of which appeared in last year's proceedings and the latter in this year's.

Received from R. E. Sir Edwin C. Webster, Grand Commander of Nebraska, a very courteous letter expressing sympathy for this Grand Commandery in our loss by death of the two esteemed Fraters. Also Resolutions of Respect to the memory of our late Frater, Sir Joseph S. Wright, from Denver Commandery No. 35, K. T., stationed at Denver, Colorado, and which I attach hereto.

Official notice of the death of Past Grand Master John Q. A. Fellows was received from the M. E. Grand Master, and by me conveyed to the Sir Knights of this Jurisdiction.

Other members of this Grand Commandery who have been summoned from our ranks by the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, to cross the dark river of death and receive the awards that await the Templar who has faithfully performed his duty to his God and his fellow man, are as follows :

William Wolf, Past Commander No. 3
Charles Laing, Past Commander No. 4.
Gustave R. Schaefer, Past Commander No. 4.
Archibald H. Maxwell, Past Commander No. 10.
George Kirby, Past Commander No. 16.
Joseph Godfrey, Past Commander No. 17.
John S. Ferguson, Past Commander No. 17.
Benjamin F. Wonderley, Past Commander No. 20.
James B. Roeder, Past Commander No. 20.
Edwin C. Epley, Past Commander No. 21.
John W. Hays, Past Commander No. 22.
William C. Hay, Past Commander No. 25.
Francis H. Foster, Past Commander No. 25.
Joseph H. Alter, Past Commander No. 26.
William Haydon, Past Commander No. 36.
Edward Trainer, Past Commander No. 44.
Harry A. Laycock, Past Commander No. 45.

Isaac S. Albertson, Past Commander No. 54, Past Grand Treasurer.

Charles D. Buss, Captain General No. 58.

Charles L. Wheeler, Past Commander No. 58.

Horace G. Miller, Past Commander No. 62.

Joseph Pomeroy, Generalissimo No. 11.

TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE GRAND ENCAMPMENT U. S. A., PITTSBURGH, PA., OCTOBER, 1898.

Have visited Pittsburgh, Pa., three times during the past year, and find the Sir Knights working industriously and earnestly for the success of the Triennial Conclave. Have completed contracts for hotel and headquarters accommodations for Grand Commandery, which are submitted herewith.

Have requested V. E. Sir Henry H. Kuhn, Deputy Grand Commander, to prepare a special report upon this subject, which he will read to you later.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Request from the Grand Commander of Maryland for waiver of Jurisdiction over Companion ———, referred through the Division Commander to ——— Commandery, No. ———. No reply.

Request to the Grand Commander of New Jersey for waiver of Jurisdiction over Companion ———, in favor of ——— Commandery No. —. Sufficient time has not elapsed in which to expect reply.

CONCLUSION.

Since our having last met, "war with all its cruelty, war with all its anguish," is upon us. The air is rent by the cry of the people of the Queen of the Antilles, struggling and trampling upon their still unbroken chains. Every breeze that came North, and to us, came freighted with anguish and despair. Cuba, alone, friendless, forsaken, no hand to help her, no voice to plead her cause, her very heart broken,

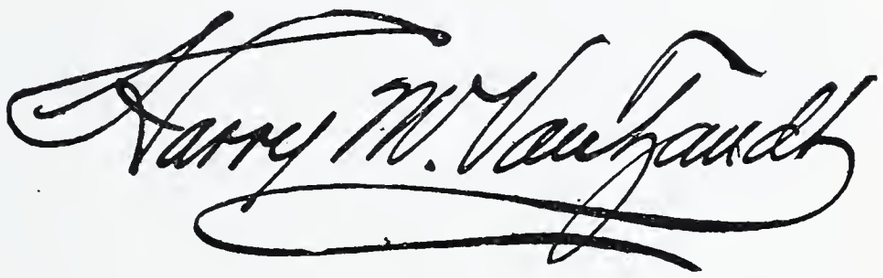
speechless horrors brooding over all her fair land; night, black night, night without moon or star settled upon her, until the very stones cried out, "Oh, Lord, my God, is there no help?"

Smitten by a sword that until now never smote her in vain, she was flung back wounded, exhausted, into the lethargy of despair. Of all the nations of the earth, with all their boasted civilization and hymns of humanity, not one to come to her aid. How dark just before the dawn.

The first faint blush appeared, then one solitary nation, grandest, most God-like, startles the air of this blackest night with an answer, clear, pure and thrilling as if God himself had sent his own winged messenger to awake the sleeping world. Then a cry "To arms, ye Americans!" for the defense of the downtrodden, for the advancement of that one idea to which all the earth, save ourselves, was dumb—the brotherhood of man. It thrilled England, that mistress of the sea. Ah, in all the nations of the earth did it raise the cause into its rightful place before the intelligent opinion of the world. Think of this magnificent courage which in a time so full of peril dared to raise her voice to chords like these and sing the Song of Freedom to this oppressed humanity under the very frown of triumphant power.

In answer to this call, it is with feelings of sincere regret that I note the absence from this Conclave of a large number of our Fraters who have been called upon to take up arms in behalf of our beloved nation, and it is a matter to be deeply lamented that at this advanced age of the world, it should be necessary for this nation to resort to force of arms for the maintenance of its integrity and the relief of a downtrodden and oppressed humanity; yet, if this great nation, founded upon the fundamental principles of personal liberty, equality of man, human progress,fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, has forced upon it an issue such as it is now face to face with, it is only to be expected that in the foremost ranks of brave defenders will be found many members of the valiant and

magnanimous Order of Knights Templar, whose teachings and traditions are along these same lines. We therefore invoke the blessings of The Deity upon our absent fraters, and hold ourselves in readiness to join with them in the defense of our country should necessity demand it. May the God of Battles be with our arms.



Grand Commander.

Harrisburg, Pa.,
May 24, 1898.

APPENDIX A.

IN MEMORIAM.

JOSEPH S. WRIGHT
Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, 1891–1892.

Died at Denver, Colorado, May 26, 1897.

On Wednesday afternoon, May 26th, 1897, when the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania had finished its labors, in its Forty-fourth Annual Conclave, Joseph S. Wright died. His death expected, by those acquainted with his condition, caused sorrow to the many friends he had made by his goodness of heart and worth, both as a man and a Mason.

Joseph S. Wright was born of Quaker parentage on December 30, 1843, in Burlington County, N. J. He did not connect himself with Masonry until after the close of the War, through which he served with honor to himself and credit to his country, joining the 15th Pennsylvania Cavalry, August 13th, 1862, and was mustered out of service June 25, 1865, at Marshville, Tennessee. After engaging in business in the city of Philadelphia, he sought for congenial fellowship with kindred minds, and on April 15, 1869, joined Philadelphia Lodge No. 72, F. & A. M.

After mastering the mysteries of Symbolic Masonry in this body, he, in 1872, joined Temple Chapter No. 248, Royal Arch Masons, and in due time was mad eits High Priest, in which capacity he exemplified the degrees of Capitular Masonry as few had done before him. He was Knighted in St. Alban Commandery, No. 47, Knights Templar, on June 24, 1873, and when elected Eminent Commander took charge of the Drill Corps and brought it to the highest standing and reputation. At the Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, held at Scranton on May 25, 1886, he was first elected to office in that body, and year by year advanced, until May, 1891, at the city of Erie, he was elected Grand Commander.

He served with unusual ability for the term elected, and in May, 1892, retired from office. In 1893 his health began to fail. In 1895 he removed to the South in the hope of being benefitted. Failing in this he removed to Denver, Colorado, where he gradually grew worse, until Wednesday, May 26, 1897, attended by his devoted wife and some dear friends, his spirit went to Him who gave it. He received the announcement of impending death calmly and with loving obedience—"as a little child." He was not afraid to die. To those who watched him, as with cheerful courage he waited for death, it seemed as though some more than earthly power sustained him. And who shall doubt it. He had learned to be a

Christian and the promise failed him not. The music of the Master's voice breathed softly to his soul, and the darkness of death had no terrors for him, because he knew that He would not forsake him.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Amid the coarseness and the roughness, through the mud and mire of earthly life, there are those, thank God, who go their way undefiled, shielded from all contamination by the loving kindness of Him, who has promised to receive all who look to Him for grace. Let us weep not for those whose happy deaths teach us of that higher, better and nobler life where they shall live forevermore. Weep rather for those who remain to battle and to toil, to weary themselves with labor that satisfies not, to meet care and disappointment, and perchance to deaden their souls with pride and vain glory, and to fall short of that simple, earnest, satisfying faith, which is not overcome of evil and is not afraid of death.

Farewell, good loving heart, Thou dwellest now in the home not built with hands, in the eternal sunshine of unfailing love and in the presence of Him at whose right hand is fulness of joy and peace forevermore.

SAM'L S. YOHE.

Easton, June 7, 1897.

APPENDIX B.

The Committee appointed by Colorado Commandery No. 1, and Denver Commandery No. 25, Knights Templar of Denver, Colorado, to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of our departed Frater, R. E. Sir Joseph S. Wright, late Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, beg leave to submit the following:

Right Eminent Sir Joseph S. Wright, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, has gone to that "Temple not made with hands."

Sir Wright had been in Colorado since 1895, whither he had come in search of health, and manfully and patiently did he wait for the message summoning him above. Few more prominent Masons have lived among us, and none more beloved by those fortunate enough to know him. In every walk of life, as a Mason, a citizen, a soldier, a friend, and in his family, he filled to the highest degree, all that could be asked of any of us. It seems hard to appreciate fully the "inscrutable ways of Providence," which takes from an active and useful work here below, one who would have continued to do good to those with whom he came in contact, but we bow to the Divine Will, whose mandates are always right.

The Templars of Colorado only regret that his stay among us was not longer, and that he could not have been restored to health and thus enabled to return to his home and older friends, and lived to a ripe old age. We loved and admired him.

To his widow, his Masonic and other friends, we tender this slight evidence of our sincere sympathy, and hope that our lives may prove as useful and valuable, that when we are called, those left behind may think of us as we do of our departed frater.

We recommend that the foregoing be spread on the records of both Commanderies, and a copy be transmitted to

the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, and one to the widow of our departed frater.

WILLIAM D. TODD,
HARPER M. ORAHOOD,
RICHARD W. MOSLEY.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer, E. Sir John Jay Gilroy, presented the following report, which, upon motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance:

HARRISBURG, PA., May 24, 1898.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

Your Grand Treasurer respectfully submits the following report:

1897.		DR.	
May 1.	To Balance		$1,892 23
3.	To Amount from Grand Recorder		1,020 85
4.	" " "		558 05
6.	" " "		1,743 90
7.	" " "		807 85
10.	" " "		1,152 15
13.	" " "		430 45
17.	" " "		474 65
June 4.	" " "	Tactics and Drill	6 25
Sept. 17.	" " "	" "	6 25
Oct. 5.	" "	Philadelphia Trust, Safe, Deposit and Insurance Co., Interest on Deposits	43 99
20.	" "	Grand Recorder, Tactics and Drill	2 50
27.	" "	" " "	1 25
Dec. 31.	" "	" " "	8 75
1898.			
Apr. 18.	" "	" " "	13 75
20.	" "	"	548 40
23.	" "	"	453 40
26.	" "	"	1,276 15
28.	" "	"	763 40
30.	" "	"	2,273 65
"	" "	From Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Co. Interest on Deposits	35 49
			$13,513 36

CREDIT BY PAYMENT.

1897.

By amount of mileage and per diem to Easton	$1,881 54
By amount of Division Commander's Expenses	213 69
By amount Printing and Stationery	750 93
By amount salary of Grand Recorder	1,200 00
By amount of Annual Appropriation to Masonic Home of Pennsylvania	300 00
By amount rent of Office Masonic Temple	500 00
By amount miscellaneous	1,457 85
	$6,304 01

RECAPITULATION.

Total Receipts	$13,513 36
Total Payments	6,304 01
To Balance May 1, 1898	$7,209 35

Detailed statement of payments hereto annexed.

Courteously,

JOHN JAY GILROY,
Grand Treasurer.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS.

DIVISION COMMANDERS' EXPENSES.

1897.	Voucher.		
May 20.	202.	Edward B. Spencer	$ 4 65
	203.	James B. Youngson	12 00
	204.	Thad. S. Adle	26 75
	205.	Frank McSparren	8 36
	206.	John C. Owsley	25 20
	207.	Charles L. Wheeler	12 79
	208.	Daniel B. Else	30 00
	209.	Lester R. Frost	7 75
	210.	Owen M. Copelin	12 46
	211.	Wilson I. Fleming	6 00
	212.	Adam H. Schmehl	18 58
	213.	Henry H. Kuhn	19 73
	214.	Thomas F. Penman	16 95
	215.	Fred'k W. Tyrrell	12 47
			$213 69

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM TO EASTON.

1897.	Voucher.			
May 26.	1.	Christian F. Knapp,	Past Grand Commander	$20 88
	2.	John Vallerchamp,	" " "	15 42
	3.	Geo. W. Kendrick, Jr.,	" " "	13 08
	4.	Joseph Alexander, Jr.,	" " "	14 04
	5.	Lee S. Smith,	" " "	33 30
	6.	James H. Codding,	" " "	20 22
	7.	Irving P. Wanger,	" " "	9 06
	8.	Edward B. Spencer,	" " "	13 08
	9.	Samuel S. Yohe, R. E.	" "	12 00
	10.	Harry M. Van Zandt, V. E.	Dep. Gr. Commander,	18 42
	11.	Henry H. Kuhn, E. Gr.	Generalissimo,	28 68
	12.	James B. Youngson, E. Gr.	Captain General,	33 30
	13.	Rev. Thomas N. Boyle, E. Gr.	Prelate,	33 30
	14.	Adam H. Schmehl, E. Gr	Senior Warden,	15 18
	15.	Thos. F. Penman, E. Gr.	Junior Warden,	17 04
	16.	John Jay Gilroy, E. Gr.	Treasurer,	16 08
	17.	William W. Allen, E. Gr.	Recorder,	16 08
	18.	Pennell C. Evans, E. Gr.	Standard Bearer,	12 00
	19.	Joshua L. Lyte, E. Gr.	Sword Bearer,	14 28
	20.	Edwin H. Coane, E. Gr.	Warder,	16 08
	21.	John A. Vanderslice, E. Gr.	Captain Guard,	15 60
	22.	William J. Diehl, E. Gr.	Marshal,	33 38
	23.	Sam'l W. Wray, Ch. Com.	Mil. and Per Diem,	16 00
	24.	Herman Junker,	Commandery No. 1	33 30
	25.	Louis L. Forbes,	" 2	13 08
	26.	John C. Bane,	" 3	35 16
	27.	Harry K. Leech,	" 4	13 08
	28.	Algernon R. Donahey,	" 7	36 54
	29.	Niles M. Fissell,	" 8	16 56
	30.	Charles P. Hoffman,	" 9	12 18
	31.	Andrew S. Stayer,	" 10	23 34
	32.	Robert C. Welsh,	" 11	15 42
	33.	John J. Lewis,	" 12	17 88
	34.	John R. Kauffman,	" 13	14 28
	35.	Henry Carter,	" 14	15 00
	36.	Henry A. Jenks,	" 15	12 60
	37.	John N. Califf,	" 16	20 22
	38.	William S. Mears,	" 17	14 04
	39.	Silas A. Risher,	" 18	28 86
	40.	Morris Kirkpatrick,	" 19	9 00
	41.	John M. Stevens,	" 20	7 08
	42.	E. Loucks Schroeder,	" 21	15 72
	43.	Herbert R. Laird,	" 22	18 66

1897.	Voucher.				
May 26.	44.	Asa R. Beers,	Commandery No.	23	$ 8 76
	45.	William T. Atkins,	"	24	13 86
	46.	George W. Houser,	"	25	39 06
	47.	William Bagnall,	"	26	19 08
	48.	John K. Whieldon	"	27	16 98
	49.	Wentworth D. Vedder,	"	28	23 58
	50.	Walter K. Lits,	"	29	13 08
	51.	Henry E. Fish,	"	30	38 82
	52.	Heister Reed,	"	31	9 66
	53.	Abraham H. March,	"	32	12 06
	54.	Wilbur F. Reeder,	"	33	23 34
	55.	Andrew M. Rambo,	"	34	14 94
	56.	Harry S. Beaver,	"	35	33 30
	57.	George Eiler, Jr.,	"	36	13 08
	58.	William Kase West,	"	37	18 60
	59.	Robert O'Boyle	"	39	13 86
	60.	Frederick H. Ely,	"	40	31 68
	61.	C. G. Miller,	"	41	14 34
	62.	Oscar B. Wetherold,	"	42	12 18
	63.	David Laughlin,	"	43	38 04
	64.	Frank L. Brown,	"	45	15 06
	65.	Wm. Franklin Elliott,	"	46	23 64
	66.	Francis H. Hemperley,	"	47	13 08
	67.	John T. Cunningham,	"	48	33 30
	68.	Luke H. Frasher,	"	49	34 14
	69.	George A. Baird,	"	50	37 32
	70.	Henry Z. Ziegler,	"	53	13 08
	71.	William H. Ziegler,	"	54	13 08
	72.	David Henry Weaver,	"	55	16 44
	73.	John C. Gerbig,	"	56	18 54
	74.	V. M. Carpenter,	"	57	15 60
	75.	Wm. P. Eckels,	"	58	33 24
	76.	John H. Armstrong,	"	59	33 30
	77.	Robert W. Bannatyne,	"	60	16 98
	78.	John J. Jones,	"	61	25 68
	79.	Edgar E. Seavy,	"	62	36 30
	80.	Wm. H. Davis,	"	63	34 86
	81.	Judson W. Stone,	"	64	21 06
	82.	James R. Patton,	"	65	20 70
	83.	Robert P. Mercer,	"	66	13 92
	84.	Joseph P. Dickey,	"	67	40 56
	85.	Charles S. Seamans,	"	68	14 04
	86.	Walter Scott,	"	70	13 08
	87.	Martin B. Cookerow	"	71	10 26

1897.	Voucher.				
May 25	88.	Charles M. Barthburger,	Commandery No.	72	$33 30
	89.	Jeremiah McAvoy	"	73	10 08
	90.	Wm. F. Holt,	"	74	25 02
	91.	N. Sargent Ross,	"	75	15 66
	92.	Homer E. Spencer,	"	76	17 40
	93.	Geo. W. Robertson,	"	77	16 02
					$1881 54

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

1897.	Voucher.		
May 6.	199.	H. I. McIntire & Co., Printing, etc.	$ 59 65
10.	200.	Constans Commandery No. 33, to correct error in remittance for annual dues.	55
17.	201.	Mt. Olivet Commandery No. 30, to correct error in remittance for annual dues	1 10
24.	216.	Wm. W. Allen, Grand Recorder, office expenses	33 00
26.	96.	Henry Z. Zeigler, Commandery No. 53, for mileage and per diem to Scranton, not issued last year	21 84
June 4.	217.	W. W. Allen, Grand Recorder, Salary for May	100 00
4.	218.	Samuel S. Yohe, account 44th Annual Conclave Expenses	125 00
4.	219.	H. I. McIntire & Co., Printing, etc.	110 05
4.	220.	The City Trust and Surety Co., renewal of Grand Treasurer's Bond	37 50
9.	221.	Harry M. Van Zandt, account Grand Commander's Appropriation	200 00
9.	222.	Henry W. Smith, Expenses as member of Finance Committee	13 42
9.	223.	Wm. H. Dickson, Expenses as member of Finance Committee	14 28
9.	224.	Thos. P. Merritt, Expenses as member of Finance Committee	13 10
30.	225.	Wm. H. Mayo, Grand Recorder, Dues Grand Encampment, 1897.	574 55
30.	226.	W. W. Allen, Grand Recorder, Salary for June	100 00
30.	227.	W. W. Allen, Grand Recorder, Office Expenses	26 79
July 3.	228.	H. I. McIntire & Co., Printing, etc.,	81 60
21.	229.	Charles P. Herold, Past Grand Commander's Jewel	75 00
Aug. 5.	230.	W. W. Allen, Grand Recorder, Salary for July	100 00
6.	231.	H. I. McIntire & Co., Printing, etc.,	24 35
Sept. 3.	232.	W. W. Allen, Grand Recorder, Salary for August	100 00
Oct. 4.	233.	" " " " Sept	100 00

1897.	Voucher.		
Oct. 20.	234.	Harry M. Van Zandt, account Grand Commander's Appropriation	$200 00
30.	235.	Wm. H. Hoskins, Printing Proceedings Grand Commandery	417 95
30.	236.	Wm. H. Hoskins, Office Expenses	52 92
30.	237.	Wm. W. Allen, Grand Recorder, Salary for Oct.	100 00
Nov. 30.	238.	The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, Annual Appropriation and Dues	310 00
30.	239.	Wm. W. Allen, Grand Recorder, Salary for Nov.	100 00
30.	240.	H. I. McIntire & Co., Printing and Stationery .	13 88
30.	241.	National Railway Publishing Co., Official Railway Guide	5 00
1898.			
Jan. 6.	242.	W. W. Allen, Grand Recorder, Salary for Dec. .	100 00
26.	243.	A. S. Pritchard, Engrossing Memorial, P. G. C. Joseph S. Wright	35 00
Feb. 7.	244.	W. W. Allen, Grand Recorder, Salary for Jan. .	100 00
Mch. 4.	245.	H. I. McIntire & Co., Printing, etc., ...	19 65
5.	246.	W. W. Allen, Grand Recorder, Salary for Feb. .	100 00
April 5.	247.	" " " " March .	100 00
5.	248.	" " " Sundry Office Ex.	18 80
5.	249.	H. I. McIntire & Co., Printing Annual Returns .	23 80
30.	250.	W. W. Allen, Grand Recorder, Salary for April .	100 00
30.	251.	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, One Year's Rent of Office	500 00
			$4,208 78

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

The Grand Recorder, R. E. Sir William W. Allen, presented the following report, which upon motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance:

HARRISBURG, PA., May 24th, 1898.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

Your Grand Recorder respectfully submits the following report:

Sixteen hundred copies of the proceedings of the Forty-fourth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery were printed and distributed.

The proceedings from other Grand Jurisdictions have been received and distributed conformably to the usual custom.

By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws have been received from a number of Subordinate Commanderies and, when examined and approved by the Committee on By-Laws and the Right Eminent Grand Commander, have been returned to the several Commanderies.

For the Templar Year ending April 30, 1898, moneys have been received as follows:

1897.					
May 1.	Mt. Olivet, No. 30,	Dues and Fees to April 30, '97,			$130 65
	Oriental No. 61,	"	"	"	46 85
	Allen, No. 20,	"	"	"	134 70
	Ivanhoe, 31,	"	"	"	57 45
	Mountain, No. 10,	"	"	"	121 95
	Huntingdon, No. 65,	"	"	"	35 00
	Jacques De Molay, No. 3,	"	"	"	39 90
	Chester, No. 66,	"	"	"	57 70
	Mt. Vernon, No. 73,	"	"	"	25 85
	St. Johns, No. 8,	"	"	"	69 75
	Kensington, No. 54,	"	"	"	106 05
3.	Northern, No. 16,	"	"	"	93 85
	Cœur De Leon, No. 17,	"	"	"	101 15
4.	Hermit, No. 24,	"	"	"	58 95
	Hutchinson, No. 32,	"	"	"	128 00
	St. Omers, No. 7,	"	"	"	37 95
	Lewistown, No. 26,	"	"	"	41 00
	Prince of Peace, No. 39,	"	"	"	27 85
	St. Alban, No. 47,	"	"	"	264 30
5.	Pittsburg, No. 1,	"	"	"	434 65
	Philadelphia, No. 2,	"	"	"	305 50
	Allegheny, No. 35,	"	"	"	227 25
	Calvary, No. 37,	"	"	"	51 05
	Knapp, No. 40,	"	"	"	100 60
	Lancaster, No. 13,	"	"	"	134 50
6.	Hugh de Payens, No. 19,	"	"	"	144 25
	Cyrene, No. 34,	"	"	"	39 95
	Corinthian, No. 53,	"	"	"	306 15
7.	Shamokin, No. 77,	"	"	"	68 60
	Mary, No. 36,	"	"	"	489 00
	Dieu le Veut, No. 45,	"	"	"	149 35
	Lawrence, No. 62,	"	"	"	52 50
	Jerusalem, No. 15,	"	"	"	48 40
	Reading, No. 42,	"	"	"	259 60
8.	Packer, No. 23,	"	"	"	62 30
	Northwestern, No. 25,	"	"	"	64 75
	Potter, No. 69,	"	"	"	57 70
	Trinity, No. 58,	"	"	"	135 05
	Clarence, No. 51,	"	"	"	37 75
	Moshannon, No. 74,	"	"	"	62 55
	Melita, No. 68,	"	"	"	61 80
10.	Wyoming Valley, No. 57,	"	"	"	35 35

1897.

May 10.	Constantine, No. 41,	Dues and Fees to April 30, '97,			$ 61 35
	Duquesne, No. 72,	"	"	"	98 20
	Warren, No. 63,	"	"	"	61 00
	Canton, No. 64,	"	"	"	30 60
	Pilgrim, No. 11,	"	"	"	124 15
11.	Great Bend, No. 27,	"	"	"	31 65
	Nativity, No. 71,	"	"	"	53 85
12.	Pennsylvania, No. 70,	"	"	"	160 80
	Kedron, No. 18,	"	"	"	100 85
	Mount Calvary, No. 67,	"	"	"	52 70
	Temple, No. 60,	"	"	"	30 60
14.	Franklin, No. 44,	"	"	"	62 60
	Tyagaghton, No. 28,	"	"	"	38 65
15.	Tancred, No. 48,	"	"	"	316 95
	Rebecca, No. 50,	"	"	"	56 45
June 1.	John J. Henry, No. 8,	5	Tactics and Drill,		6 25
Aug. 17.	Jos. J. McCrum, No. 38,	1	"	"	1 25
Sept. 8.	N. C. McLaughlin, No. 25,	4	"	"	5 00
Oct. 20.	H. K. Gregory, No. 62,	2	"	"	2 50
27.	J Frank Small, C. G., No. 75,	1	"	"	1 25
Nov. 5.	Geo. W. Thomson, C. G., No. 61,	1	"	"	1 25
Dec. 19.	Alfred H. Shopland, Rec. No. 68,	6	"	"	7 50

1898.

Mar. 24.	H. C. Goldsborough, No. 43,	3	"	"	3 75
April 1.	F. Vandegrift, No. 4.	1	"	"	1 25
6.	Fred. R. Miller, No. 22,	1	"	"	1 25
11.	Jno. T. Beardsley, No. 46,	6	"	"	7 50
	Gethsemane, No. 75,	Dues and Fees to April 30, '98,			48 05
16.	Constantine, No. 41,	"	"	"	157 90
	Chester, No. 66,	"	"	"	152 65
18.	Cœur de Leon, No. 17,	"	"	"	189 80
22.	Trinity, No. 58,	"	"	"	301 65
	Shamokin, No. 77,	"	"	"	89 75
23.	Centennial, No. 55,	"	"	"	62 00
25.	St. Johns, No. 4,	"	"	"	837 10
26.	Ascalon, No. 59,	"	"	"	361 25
	Rose Croix, No. 38,	"	"	"	77 80
28.	Hugh de Payens, No. 19,	"	"	"	320 65
	Warren, No. 63,	"	"	"	183 50
	De Molay, No. 9,	"	"	"	259 25
29.	Uniontown, No. 49,	"	"	"	192 05
	Mountain, No. 10,	"	"	"	326 90
	Ivanhoe, No. 31,	"	"	"	109 85
	Hutchinson, No. 32,	"	"	"	333 95

1897.					
Apr. 29.	Kensington, No. 54,	Dues and Fees to April 30, '98,			$254 70
30.	Franklin, No. 44,	"	"	"	204 40
	St. Johns, No. 8,	"	"	"	194 75
	Calvary, No. 37,	"	"	"	106 95
	Allegheny, No. 35,	"	"	"	550 10
		Total,			$11,541 65

All of which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer, and his receipts taken therefor.

The annual returns, together with the payments of fees, dues and special assessment, have been received from each of the Subordinate Commanderies, the consolidated returns for the Templar year, ending April 30, 1898, exhibiting the following, viz. :

Number of Commanderies	74	
Membership as per last report		11,491
Created		877
Admitted		81
		12,449
Resigned	117	
Died	197	
Suspended	166	480
Present membership,		11,969

Courteously yours,

WILLIAM W. ALLEN,
Grand Recorder.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND PUBLISHING.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following Report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

HARRISBURG, PA., May 24, 1898.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

SIR KNIGHTS:

Your Committee on Printing and Publishing beg leave to report that there has been expended during the Templar year for Printing and Stationery, including publication of Proceedings of 1897, the sum of $750.93, being $50.93 in excess of the appropriation made by Grand Commandery.

We respectfully offer the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the expenditure of $750.93 for Printing and Stationery for the Templar year be approved.

Courteously submitted,

CHARLES CARY,

For the Committee.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TACTICS AND DRILL.

The Special Committee on Tactics and Drill presented the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers:

HARRISBURG, PA., May 23, 1898.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery on Tactics and Drill courteously report, that they have given the subject referred to them due care and consideration.

In view of the fact that there are several systems of Templar tactics now in use in other Jurisdictions, your committee have not deemed it advisable to take upon themselves the task of attempting an entire new one for this Grand Commandery. The present system of tactics now in use in this Jurisdiction, although excellent in many respects, is not in many essential features up to the present standard of Templar tactics and drill.

The system of Knights Templar Drill and Tactics prepared by Eminent Sir H. B. Grant, an ex-military officer, of the Masonic Home of the State of Kentucky, possesses, in the judgment of your Committee, more merit than any other now in use, the latest revised edition having been published and copyrighted in 1894. This system has received the hearty approval and endorsement of the Grand Officers of quite a number of the Jurisdictions in the country, a number of whom are officers and ex-officers in the United States Army; and also well versed in Templar tactics and drill.

Your Committee does not, however, approve of that portion of the H. B. Grant system relating to the tactics and ceremonies for the Asylum. The present system now in use by this Grand Commandery being superior to, and more appropriate than any other system we have examined.

For mounted Commanderies we recommend that no change be made; the system now in use by this Grand Commandery being up to the standard.

Inasmuch as the Pettibone Manufacturing Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio, have had the H. B. Grant system copyrighted, and entered in the office of the Librarian of Congress at Washington, D. C., in the year 1895, your Committee presumes that it will be necessary to obtain the authority and permission from said Company, to adopt and publish any portion of said tactics and drill, should this Grand Commandery adopt the recommendations of your Committee.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the system of Knights Templar Tactics and Drill prepared by H. B. Grant (Edition of 1894) contained in said edition from page 1 to 272 inclusive, except that portion relating to mounted drill and tactics.

Resolved, That no change shall be made in the system of mounted tactics and drill now in use by this Commandery.

Resolved, That the R. E. Grand Commander be authorized to obtain the permission of H. B. Grant, and the Pettibone Manufacturing Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, to publish H. B. Grant's System of Tactics and Drill as far as it has been adopted by this Grand Commandery, and that when such permission has been obtained, to authorize the publication of the same as changed, under the direction of himself and this Committee.

Courteously submitted,

HARRY M. VAN ZANDT, G. C.
HENRY H. KUHN, D. G. C.
JAS. B. YOUNGSON,
ADAM H. SCHMEHL.

PETITION FOR CHARTER.

The following petition for a Charter for a new Commandery was received and referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

To the Right Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Pennsylvania.

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represent that they are severally knights of the Red Cross, Knights Templar and Knights of Malta, residing in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; that they are in good standing as Knights of these Illustrious Orders, and among them are in their opinion, a competent number well qualified to form and open a Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders, and to properly discharge the various duties thereof, according to ancient usage; that they have a suitable place of meeting, and ability to procure proper furniture and dress for conducting the ceremonies and work of a Commandery. Having the good of the Order at heart, and desirous to extend the benefits and blessings thereof to worthy Companions, they pray for a Charter empowering them to form, open and hold a regular Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders in the borough of Carnegie, County of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania, to be named Chartiers Commandery, subordinate to, under the jurisdiction of, and to be conducted in accordance with the Constitution, Rules and Edicts of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, the Grand Encampment of the United States, and the general principles, customs and usages of the Order.

And they beg leave respectfully to recommend Sir George A. Carsten as the first Eminent Commander, Sir Nathaniel Carter Deane as the first Generalissimo, and Sir Sheldon B. Hayes, as the first Captain General

Dated March 31st, 1898, A. O. 780, A. O. E. P. 101.

GEO. A. CARSTEN, P. E. C., Jacques de Molay, No. 3.
NATHANIEL CARTER DEANE, Baldwin II, No. 22, Williamsport, Pa.
SHELDON B. HAYES, Tancred, No. 48.
EDWIN B. GOSLINE, Tancred, No. 48.
EDWARD G. HUSLER, Tancred, No. 48.
HENRY MILES THOMPSON, Allegheny, No. 35.
CARSON L. RUCH, Ascalon, No. 59.
JOHN W. LAMP, Tancred, No. 48.
WILLIAM A. LOCKHART, Ascalon, No. 59.
HENRY H. POLLOCK, Steubenville, No. 11, Steubenville, Ohio.
ALEX. MCMORRAN, Jacques de Molay, No. 3.
WILLIAM S. LOCKHART, Ascalon, No. 59.
CHAS. M. WILLIAMS, Jacques de Molay, No. 3.
FRANK F. FRENCH, Jacques de Molay, No. 3.
EDWARD W. TIBBALS, Jacques de Molay, No. 3.

WM. P. TAYLOR, late of Jacques de Molay, No. 3.
REUBEN STREET, Lookout Commandery, Chattanooga, Tennessee.
JAMES RUSSELL, Ascalon, No. 59.
W. H. ALEXANDER, Jacques de Molay, No. 3.
JOHN F. BUDKE, Jacques de Molay, No. 3.
ALLISON C. HOOBLER, Ascalon, No. 59.
JOHN F. BRYAN, La co Tah, No. 6, South Dakota.

At a stated Conclave of Pittsburg Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, stationed at Pittsburg, Pa., held on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1898, A. O. 780, on motion duly made and seconded, it was

Resolved, That the petition of the foregoing Knights for a Charter for a new Commandery at Carnegie, be recommended to the favorable consideration of the Right Eminent Grand Commandery, this being one of the nearest Commanderies.

ELI EDMUNDSON, JR.,
Eminent Commander.

ATTEST :
DAVID M. KINZER,
Recorder.

At a stated Conclave of the Knights of Allegheny Commandery, No. 35, Knights Templar, stationed at Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, held on the 22d day of April, A. D. 1898, A. O. 780 on motion duly made and seconded, it was

Resolved, that the petition of the foregoing Knights for a Charter for a new Commandery at Carnegie, be recommended to the favorable consideration of the Right Eminent Grand Commandery, this being the nearest Commandery.

HARRY S. BEAVER,
Eminent Commander.

ATTEST :
WM. A. MELONEY,
Recorder.

The Grand Commander was pleased to appoint R. E. Sir Geo. W. Kendrick, Jr., to act as Chairman of Committees on Charters and Dispensations, in the absence of R. E. Sir Torrence C. Hipple.

The Sir Knights standing and uncoverd, the following communication from M. E. Sir Warren La Rue Thomas, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States, was read by the Grand Recorder:

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Office of the Grand Master,
BALTIMORE, Dec. 20, 1897.

To all Sir Knights of our Obedience:

It is with feelings of deepest sorrow that we make an announcement to you that will touch the tenderest chords in all the hearts of our noble Order. Would that it were that your Grand Master could be the sender only of glad and joyful tidings, and not have to convey to you messages that will bring sadness and grief.

But a duty, sad though it may be, must be performed. With a heart bowed down with sorrow and with eyes dimmed with tears of love and affection for a noble spirit that has taken its flight, we announce the death of

PAST GRAND MASTER JOHN Q. A. FELLOWS,

who, after long months of patient suffering, quietly passed away at his home in New Orleans, on the 28th day of November, in the seventy-third year of his age.

For nearly fifty years this noble man had given the best efforts of his great intellect and scholarly attainments to the Order he loved so much, and the generations to come will reap the benefits of his immense labors and will pronounce his name with love and reverence. Kind and gentle, he possessed a firmness and sincerity that carried conviction to the hearts of all, even to those who had differed with him. Always fortifying himself with facts and the right, his position on all great questions was unassailable. Knowing his sterling integrity, his wonderful knowledge, his immense research and his pleasant and magnetic way of stating his position, none could doubt after he had spoken. We thank our Heavenly Father for the life of this noble man, and for his labors for our Order and for the example he has left those who are to follow.

Sir Knight Fellows was born in Vermont, April 3, 1825, and by his own exertions fitted himself for college, graduating in the University of Vermont, August 1, 1849 He left his native state and moved to New Orleans, arriving there on the 17th of December, 1850. He graduated from the Law Department of the University of Louisiana in 1852, and continued in the active practice of his profession with remarkable success until 1895, when a long and severe illness compelled him to withdraw from active work. He was never an office seeker, but was content to labor for the best interests of his city and State.

Sir Knight Fellows received the Lodge Degree before leaving Vermont, and on moving to New Orleans dimitted and joined Marion Lodge, No. 68, of that city. He received the Degrees of the Chapter in Orleans Chapter, No 1, the Council Degrees in Louisiana Council, No. 2, and in 1856 was created a Knight Templar in Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 1, and represented his Commandery in the Grand Encampment at the Conclave held in Hartford, Conn., in September of that year.

In 1865 he was elected Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment; in 1868, Deputy Grand Master; and in 1871, at the Conclave held in Baltimore, he was elected Grand Master, serving in that capacity until the meeting in New Orleans in December, 1874.

During his term of office as Grand Master, many controversies arose that were calculated to cause much trouble and dissension in our rank, but the Grand Master handled these questions with such tact and firmness that the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers made a unanimous report, approving his actions, and the report was adopted without a dissenting vote. The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted a unanimous report, sustaining his decisions—forty-three in number—and the report was adopted without a negative vote. This is, we believe, without a parallel in the annals of our Order. Since he retired from the office of Grand Master, he has served on the most important committee—that of Jurisprudence—and here the Grand Encampment had the full benefit of his knowledge and learning. We will miss his wise counsel and his quick and ready suggestions, but we will profit by the noble heritage he has left us.

Thus, Sir Knights, do we behold the loved ones depart, one by one; and we are called upon to pay the last sad rites to their memories. Rapidly do those who have fought the good fight in days gone by pass from us.

But we are blessed with that faith in Immanuel that teaches us that the parting will not be for long; that "when the mists have rolled away" the loved ones will be reunited in that bright and beautiful Asylum above, where partings will be no more, and where all will unite in singing Hallelujah to the Grand Captain of our Salvation.

May we all so live that we will be in that procession as it marches around the great White Throne, and enjoy that life "prepared from the foundations of the world for all the faithful followers of the Lamb."

All Grand and Subordinate Commanderies will cause this announcement to be read at the head of their lines at the first Conclave after its receipt, and make due record thereof.

W. LA RUE THOMAS,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:

WM. H. MAYO,
Grand Recorder.

The Grand Commandery then adjourned until 9.30 o'clock Wednesday morning, May 25, 1898.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 1898.

The Grand Commandery was called to order by the Grand Commander, at 9.30 A. M., the Sir Knights being led in their devotions by the Grand Prelate.

The following telegram from E. Sir M. Richards Muckle, Representative to the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, was read by the Grand Recorder:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., MAY 24, 1898.

Harry M. Van Zandt, Grand Commander Knights Templar, Harrisburg, Pa Regret I cannot be with you; am detained as a witness in a case. Wish you pleasant session.

Fraternally,

M. RICHARDS MUCKLE.

MASONIC HOME.

The following report from E. Sir Muckle was read by the Grand Recorder:

To the Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

SIR KNIGHTS:

The Thirteenth Annual Report of the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania presents an exceedingly prosperous condition of the establishment.

The number of inmates on December 1, 1897, was 39, an increase of two over the previous annual report, and the largest number the House has ever held at any one time.

The property is in the best condition, and thoroughly equipped with all the necessary and latest improvements, tending to the comfort, contentment, and happiness of the Brethren.

It is much to be regetted that the Brethren generally, throughout the jurisdiction, take so little interest in the Institution, and withhold that support so essential to a permanency, and an extension of the benefits to a greater number; many of whom are and have been for some time solicitous for admission.

The membership of Masonic bodies, while slowly increasing, exhibits however a tremendous falling off in individual membership, the loss during the year passed amounting to over three hundred persons.

This is the more discreditable to our fraternity, when we remember, that the aggregate membership of the fraternity now numbers over 51,000 brethren.

This is certainly anything but flattering to our boasted history of Masonry, in the mighty Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

This should not be, and the sooner the Brethren realize the fact of their dereliction, to one of the principal factors and charities of our fraternity, the sooner will they redeem its honor and reputation. There are at present 152 Masonic bodies, and 288 of individual memberships as contrasted with 1896, when there were 645.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Grand Chapter have contributed their annual sum of $500 each, and the Grand Commandery $300, and Donation and Reception Day realized $6929.55 in cash, and $900 in supplies or materials.

Religious services were held every Sunday afternoon during the year, except during the months of July and August.

The Assets of the Corporation amount to $106,614.21, consisting of real estate, personal property, etc., and investments.

In conclusion, permit me to appeal to you individually and collectively, bestir yourselves to a more active and appreciative influence, in behalf of our beloved, respected and valued Institution, for both moral and material recognition and support.

Let this appeal be not in vain, and the odium of inadequate support of the Corporation be permitted to rest upon the great brotherhood of which you hail as members. Let this aid and support come with a willing hand, and thereby demonstrate that you are not Masons only by word of mouth, but in heart and substantial deeds.

The Lord has prospered the efforts of the management heretofore, and to them we should furnish the means to not only continue the good work, but assist in extending its sphere of usefulness, and place it upon a foundation permanent and lasting.

Fraternally submitted,

M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,

Representative from the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers presented the following report, which was, upon motion, received, ordered to be spread upon the records, and Resolutions attached adopted:

To the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers has carefully considered the report of the Grand Commander and finds therein most satisfactory evidence of careful and conscientious discharge of the various duties committed to his care. The large number of our Commanderies and the growth of their membership, are strong factors in the development of new condi-

tions from year to year. All these must be diligently considered and the questions arising therefrom carefully answered, both for promotion of harmony and the establishment of consistent and durable system of practice. The efforts of our Grand Commander in these directions have been marked and praiseworthy, and your Committee reports the fact with satisfaction.

In active supervision much has been accomplished. In granting or withholding dispensations the powers of the Grand Commander have been judiciously exercised. Where these powers have abridged the constitutional delay of petition, the Committee finds circumstances justifying the unusual course. But it is to be hoped that a long time may elapse before such departure from our approved practice shall become again necessary.

In the case reported from Commandery No. — there appears some confusion. The Committee feels constrained to say that if the second report upon the petitioner was sufficient to cure a previous irregularity, no further petition for membership was necessary. The conferring of the Orders established his membership.

——— Commandery, No. — applied in 1894 for dispensation to hold a Sunday service, in lieu of Ascension Day, and for good reasons was refused. The Committee cannot but report unfavorably upon the renewal of the request in the present year. The Grand Commander was not aware, probably, of his predecessor's action, but the Commandery doubtless had not forgotten.

Attention is called to the fact that the dispensation to Commandery No. — to meet May 30 will need renewal. Dispensations cannot survive the term of the officer granting them.

We endorse the statement by the Grand Commander condemning the action of Commandery No. — in lending its name to advertise a so-called Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, in which no officer or member of the Commandery participated. Your Committee is surprised that any Commandery of Knights Templar should loan its good name, and thus hazard the reputation of the Order, for an unworthy cause. It has justly earned the censure of the Grand Commander.

Your Committee is of opinion that time of payment of dues may be fixed by By-Laws, and when so established the claim of the Commandery may be enforced accordingly. When the By-Laws are silent, the opinion of the Grand Commander is correct.

The case of the Sir Knight who refused to pay over the moneys collected among his associates, as a fund for defraying certain expenses, to wit, attendance at Grand Encampment, presents a strong instance of breach of trust and unmasonic conduct. The Committee is unanimous in modifying the Grand Commander's opinion. Charges, trial, and expulsion, if guilty, should be unhesitatingly applied.

We have also to differ from the Grand Commander as to the use of seal upon notices of dues. If a summons be intended, the seal is proper. But a

statement of amount due, properly addressed, will answer where the law does not contemplate a summons.

With these modifications we approve the Grand Commander's acts and decisions. As a faithful officer, he is entitled to our gratitude.

We offer the following :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery be presented to R. E. Sir Harry M. Van Zandt for his efficient and satisfactory performance of the duties committed to his charge.

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be directed to procure and present the usual jewel and shoulder straps as a testimonial of our appreciation.

The report from the Committee on Tactics and Drill is in our hands apparently for the mere reason that said Committee is composed of Grand Officers. We think we have no jurisdiction over it. To bring the subject before the Grand Commandery, we report that it should lie upon the table.

JAMES H. CODDING,
LEE S. SMITH,
IRVING P. WANGER,
SAMUEL S. YOHE,
Committee.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters presented the following report, which was, upon motion, received, spread upon the Records and the Resolution thereto attached adopted :

HARRISBURG, May 25, 1898.

To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania :

Your Committee on Dispensations and Charters beg leave to submit the following report :

A petition for a charter to form and hold a regular Commandery of Knights Templar and the appendant orders in the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Penna., having been referred to us, and after giving the matter full consideration and listening to the Templars particularly interested in that locality, we believe that it would be for the best interest of Templarism that a Commandery should be constituted in that locality, and desire to offer the following :

Resolved, That a charter be granted the Sir Knights petitioning this Grand Body to form a new Commandery (name to be approved by the Grand Officers) to be located at Carnegie, Allegheny County, Penna.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR.,
WILLIAM H. DENLINGER,
ROBERT J. LINDEN,
Committee.

BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was, upon motion received and approved:

HARRISBURG, May 24, 1898.

To the Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania:

SIR KNIGHTS:

Your Committee on By-Laws beg leave to report that they have examined and approved By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws of the following Commanderies, viz: Nos. 74, 41, 73, 19, 10, 40 and 35, all of which have been submitted to the Grand Commander for his endorsement.

For the Committee,

EDWARD B. SPENCER,
Chairman.

FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was, upon motion, received, ordered to be spread upon the records and the recommendations adopted.

HARRISBURG, PA., May 25, 1898.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

Your Committee on Finance courteously report:

That they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer, E. Sir John Jay Gilroy, and of the Grand Recorder, R. E. Sir William W. Allen, for the Templar year ending April 30, 1898, and find them correct and agreeing with their vouchers.

The Receipts and Expenditures are set forth in detail in their respective reports.

The books of the Grand Treasurer show balance at last report .	$ 1,892 23
Cash received from Grand Recorder, ...	11,541 65
Cash Received, Interest on Deposits, ...	79 48
	$13,513 36
Less Cash paid out on Orders from May 1, 1897, to April 30, 1898,	$ 6,304 01
Balance, ...	$ 7,209 35

The estimated income for the Templar year, 1898-99, is as follows :

Dues on 11,969 members at 50 cents	$ 5,984 50
Fees for creating 877 Companions at $2,00	1,754 00
Assessment, Grand Encampment dues, 11,969 members at 5 cents	598 45
Sales of Tactics and Drill	10 00
	$ 8,346 95

Your Committee would recommend the following Appropriations for the Templar year 1898-99.

Expenses of Grand Commander,	$ 800 00
" Division Commanders,	200 00
Annual Donation Masonic Home,	300 00
" Dues " "	10 00
Expenses, Conclave, Harrisburg	125 00
Salary of Grand Recorder	1,200 00
Past Grand Commander's Jewel and Shoulder Straps	65 00
Rent of Office, Masonic Temple,	500 00
Grand Encampment Assessment,	598 45
Mileage and per diem Harrisburg,	2,000 00
Stationery and Printing, including Printing Proceedings	800 00
Office Expenses, Expressage, Postage, etc.,	200 00
	$ 6,798 45

Your Committee presents the following recapitulation of the estimated Receipts and Expenditures for Templar year 1898-99 :

Balance in hands of Treasurer, May 1st, 1898	$ 7,209 35
Estimated receipts as per statement	8,346 95
	$15,556 30
Less Appropriations recommended	6,798 45
Estimated Balance April 30, 1899	$ 8,757 85

In this estimated balance is a portion of the money raised by the 90 cent per capita assessment for expenses of Triennial Conclave at Pittsburg, in October, 1898, all of which has been paid and is in the hands of the Grand Treasurer ; a large portion of it, however, being paid since April 30, does not show on this report. This money being paid and in Grand Treasurer's possession is now available for use in accordance with recommendations of last year's Finance Committee, which were adopted by the Grand Commandery.

A tabulated statement furnished by the Grand Recorder is appended, which shows the number of members of each Subordinate Commandery at close of Templar year ending April 30, 1898; also shows amount of Dues, Fees, and Assessments to be paid by each Subordinate Commandery for the Templar year ending April 30, 1898.

SAMUEL S. YOHE, Chairman,
HENRY W. SMITH,
THOMAS P. MERRITT,
CURT. G. CAMPBELL,
W. M. DONALDSON.

The Committee also reported back the report of Committee on Printing and Publishing, which had been referred to it, with the recommendation that the resolutions attached be adopted.

Upon motion, the report of Committee on Printing and Publishing was received and the resolution adopted.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Commandery No.	Membership	Annual Dues	Fees	Grand Encampment Assessm't	Special Assessment	Total
1	753	$376 50	$200 00	$37 65	$677 70	$1,291 85
2	484	242 00	36 00	24 20	435 60	737 80
3	66	33 00	24 00	3 30	59 40	119 70
4	558	279 00	28 00	27 90	502 20	837 10
7	72	36 00	6 00	3 60	64 80	110 40
8	115	57 50	28 00	5 75	103 50	194 75
9	165	82 50	20 00	8 25	148 50	259 25
10	202	101 00	34 00	10 10	181 80	326 90
11	199	99 50	8 00	9 95	179 10	296 55
12	71	35 50		3 55	63 90	102 95
13	225	112 50	8 00	11 25	202 50	334 25
14	87	43 50	4 00	4 35	78 30	130 15
15	87	43 50	6 00	4 35	78 30	132 15
16	130	65 00	18 00	6 50	117 00	206 50
17	124	62 00	10 00	6 20	111 60	189 80
18	149	74 50	18 00	7 45	134 10	234 05
19	217	103 50	6 00	10 85	195 30	320 65
20	190	95 00	6 00	9 50	171 00	281 50
21	90	45 00	6 00	4 50	81 00	136 50
22	176	83 00	24 00	8 80	158 40	279 20
23	110	55 00	14 00	5 50	99 00	173 50
24	85	42 50		4 25	76 50	123 25
25	87	43 50	34 00	4 35	78 30	160 15
26	55	27 50	2 00	2 75	49 50	81 75
27	42	21 00		2 10	37 80	60 90
28	65	32 50	4 00	3 25	58 50	98 25
29	327	163 50	10 00	16 35	294 30	484 15
30	215	107 50	16 00	10 75	193 50	327 75
31	73	36 50	4 00	3 65	65 70	109 85
32	211	105 50	28 00	10 55	189 90	333 95
33	60	30 00		3 00	54 00	87 00
34	70	35 00	4 00	3 50	63 00	105 50
35	338	169 00	60 00	16 90	304 20	550 10
36	774	387 00	102 00	38 70	696 60	1,224 30
37	71	35 50	4 00	3 55	63 90	106 95
38	44	22 00	14 00	2 20	39 60	77 80
39	51	25 50	8 00	2 55	45 90	81 95
40	148	74 00	36 00	7 40	133 20	250 60
41	102	51 00	10 00	5 10	91 80	157 90
42	355	177 50	38 00	17 75	319 50	552 75
43	96	48 00	20 00	4 80	86 40	159 20
44	112	56 00	42 00	5 60	100 80	204 40
45	190	95 00	36 00	9 50	171 00	311 50
46	82	41 00	8 00	4 10	73 80	126 90
47	434	217 00	52 00	21 70	390 60	681 30
48	569	284 50	176 00	28 45	512 10	1,001 05
49	109	54 50	34 00	5 45	98 10	192 05
50	101	50 50	12 00	5 05	90 90	158 45
51	71	35 50	22 00	3 55	63 90	124 95
53	479	239 50	68 00	23 95	431 10	762 55
54	166	83 00	14 00	8 30	149 40	254 70
55	40	20 00	4 00	2 00	36 00	62 00
56	48	24 00	6 00	2 40	43 20	75 60
57	54	27 00		2 70	48 60	78 30
58	197	98 50	16 00	9 85	177 30	301 65
59	205	102 50	64 00	10 25	184 50	361 25
60	49	24 50		2 45	44 10	71 05
61	79	39 50	26 00	3 95	71 10	140 55
62	80	40 00	30 00	4 00	72 00	146 00
63	110	55 00	24 00	5 50	99 00	183 50
64	50	25 00		2 50	45 00	72 50
65	62	31 00	6 00	3 10	55 80	95 90
66	97	48 50	12 00	4 85	87 30	152 65
67	89	44 50	34 00	4 45	80 10	163 05
68	83	41 50	16 00	4 15	74 70	136 35
69	95	47 50	10 00	4 75	85 50	147 75
70	253	126 50	24 00	12 65	227 70	390 85
71	90	45 00	10 00	4 50	81 00	140 50
72	148	74 00	48 00	7 40	133 20	262 60
73	59	29 50	22 00	2 95	53 10	107 55
74	88	44 00	18 00	4 40	79 20	145 60
75	29	14 50	6 00	1 45	26 10	48 05
76	57	28 50	6 00	2 85	51 30	88 65
77	55	27 50	10 00	2 75	49 50	89 75
Totals	11,969	$5,984 50	$1,754 00	$598 45	$10,772 10	$19,109 05

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TRIENNIAL ENCAMPMENT.

The Special Committee on Triennial Encampment at Pittsburg, October, 1898, presented the following report, which was, upon motion, received and spread upon the records.

Upon motion, the Grand Recorder was authorized to distribute copies of the report to the Templars of the United States.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

Your Committee, to whom has been assigned the duty of making the necessary arrangements for the 27th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, which will convene in Pittsburg in October next, beg leave to report :

The Grand Commandery at its meeting at Scranton, in 1896, constituted this Committee by appointing the first four officers of the Grand Commandery and fifteen Sir Knights of the five Commanderies of Pittsburg and Allegheny as members thereof.

The Grand Officers, with the exception of E. Sir James B. Youngson, reside at inconvenient distances from Pittsburg, and for this reason have been prevented from attending the meetings or joining in the active work of the Committee.

The fifteen Sir Knights representing the five Commanderies of Pittsburg and Allegheny, together with Grand Generalissimo E. Sir James B. Youngson, organized as an Executive Committee, and elected Right Em. Sir Lee S. Smith, P. G. C., Chairman, Em. Sir James B. Youngson, Vice Chairman, Em. Sir William S. Brown, Treasurer, and Em. Sir James E. Stevenson, Secretary.

The detail work of the Executive Committee is divided among the following sub-committees, and a member of the Executive Committee assigned as Chairman of each, as follows :

On Finance, ...	James S. McKean,	Chairman.
On Hotels and Accommodations, .	Wm. J. Diehl,	"
On Reception and Invitation, . .	A. B. Wigley.	"
On Entertainment, ...	James B. Youngson,	"
On General Headquarters, ...	Daniel Ashworth,	"
On Decorations and Illuminations,	A. M. Keppel,	"
On Printing, ...	R. B. Ward,	"
On Badges, ...	A. S. Bishop,	"
On Transportation, ...	W. W. Colville,	"
On Press, ...	Charles P. Walker,	"

On Parade and Review, ... Wm. R. Heckert, Chairman.
On Medical Department, ... Thos W. Irwin, "
Executive Manager, ... C. L. Magee

A code of rules for the government of sub-committees was adopted and the duties of each distinctly defined. The Chairmen are charged with the responsibility of selecting the members of their several committees, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, and are required from time to time to make reports in writing to the Executive Committee setting forth the progress of the work of their several Committees. The details of the work are left entirely to the judgment of the sub-committees, the Executive Committee acting only in an advisory capacity, but no debts can be contracted, or money expended, without the approval of the Executive Committee.

The work of the sub-committees is well under course of completion, and though in many instances the duties have been found to be quite arduous, yet all are imbued with enthusiasm and express a determination to make the 27th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment the most notable in the history of that supreme body.

The Committee on Hotels and Accommodations have encountered a labor of almost herculean dimensions, in their determination to meet all demands made upon their resources. This has proven in many instances to be a trying and delicate matter, but, as a rule, has been done in a satisfactory manner. The time (five days) fixed upon for which contracts must be made with the hotels, has caused some protest from Commanderies proposing to attend the Conclave, because the reasons for this condition are unknown. The regular rates prevail at the hotels, ranging from $2.00 per day upwards, and the concession made on the part of the hotels not to advance their regular rates for the occasion could only be assured by agreeing to a five day contract. This proposition was accepted with a knowledge of the fact that if the regular rates were increased, the cost would be about the same for three days as it would for five without any increase.

The Committee have thus far secured quarters for 33 Grand Commanderies and a large number of Subordinate Commanderies ; in addition to these a large number have arranged for quarters upon sleeping cars, which will be conveniently located in the yards of the several railroads centering in the city. This Committee are prepared to furnish ample accommodations to all who may yet desire locations either in hotels or private houses or in cars ; and if desired, will be able to conveniently and comfortably provide for a large number on passenger boats plying the waters of the Ohio and Monongahela Rivers.

The Committee on Decorations and Illuminations have adopted a system of electrical illumination unique and grand in its conception, which will be enhanced in beauty and grandeur by the proposed additions in the same line by the business houses of the city.

The Committee on Parade and Review have arranged for the formation of the marching column in and around the parks of Allegheny. The line of march starting from there will not exceed four miles in length; along the line of parade will be erected reviewing stands for the accommodation of the ladies of the visiting Sir Knights. M. Em. Sir J. P. S. Gobin will be the Grand Marshal on the occasion of the parade, and he has appointed Em. Sir Wm. R. Heckert, of the Executive Committee, Chief of Staff. This Committee have all the details of their work fully under control.

The Committee on Reception as well as the Committee on Entertainment are making elaborate preparations to extend to the members of the Grand Encampment, visiting Sir Knights and ladies, the most generous and cordial welcome and entertainment. All that need be said further on this matter is that we feel that none will leave our city, after the Conclave, sorry that they were here.

The Committee on Badges have adopted an official badge for the occasion, which for beauty of design and fitness as a rare souvenir, would be difficult to surpass.

The Committee having in charge the Medical Department are arranging for their labors on lines copied after the system adopted for regular army service, and for any who may be unfortunate enough to become ill, or meet with accident, prompt service and proper remedies will be at hand.

The Committee on Printing have now in press the material for the publication of a souvenir volume, the contents and typographical excellence of which will mark it as a real souvenir, fitted for a place in any library in the land. The volume will be a wide quarto, 9 x 7¾ inches, opening 15½ inches, containing 160 pages, with half-tone portraits of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, together with portraits of the living Past Grand Masters, and a large number of industrial and scenery half-tones of a local character. The text will include a sketch of Templary from the earliest times in the United States and of the Grand Encampment; also an article bearing upon Pittsburg and surroundings.

It will be observed that nothing is being left undone to make the meeting of the Grand Encampment in Pittsburg a successful one.

It may be reported in conclusion that the efforts of your committee have been well seconded by the people at large in this great industrial centre. As an evidence of this fact we need only refer to the action of the Judges of the United States District and Circuit Courts, and the Judges of the County Courts, in suspending business for the week of the Encampment, and tendering their court rooms for the use of our committee; while the United States, County and City officials have also joined in yielding to us all the public buildings under their control for any purpose which we may deem proper to use the same for. Added to this may be noted the action of the authorities of the public schools in declaring a recess of the schools for the week of the Conclave.

The Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce has made a proposition to appoint a committee to act in conjunction with our committees, in seeking to throw open every avenue and door of the city for the pleasure and entertainment of our guests.

In concluding this report we deem it proper to allude, very forcibly, to a disagreeable circumstance which took place a few weeks ago by a false publication in the Sunday edition of one of the Pittsburg papers, misrepresenting the facts. It was published on the Sunday following the recent visit made to Pittsburg of Most Eminent Sir W. LaRue Thomas, Grand Master, and was to the effect that he had stated while in the city, that if war was declared and prevailed, all entertainments should be called off, and that only a business meeting of the Grand Encampment would be held.

The statement also went on to corroborate this by a supposed interview with a member of this committee. So far from these statements being true, the subject of postponement of the Conclave or of any of its features, has never been considered by the Executive Committee in any way, shape or manner, and Grand Master Thomas never made such a statement either to the Executive Committee or to any of its members. We desire to make this contradiction most emphatic, because of the fact that the Associated Press sent this statement broad-cast over the land, and we have had a large number of letters asking as to the truth of same.

As already stated in this report, everything is being done to make this Conclave one of the most memorable in the history of the Grand Encampment, and we earnestly hope that our fraters in all parts of the country will take this matter into consideration, and not allow newspaper reports, that do not come officially from this Executive Committee, to have any influence upon their decision as to attending the Twenty-seventh Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Fraternally submitted,

LEE S. SMITH,

Chairman.

ATTEST:

JAMES E. STEVENSON,

Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The Committee on next place of meeting presented the following report, which was, upon motion, received, spread upon the records and recommendation adopted:

HARRISBURG, PA., MAY 24, 1898.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania:

Your committee on Next Place of Meeting recommend the city of Altoona to hold the next Annual Grand Conclave in 1899.

JOSEPH ALEXANDER, JR.
D. O. MCCOLLUM,
GEO. B. WELLS,
WILLIAM MCCOACH.

TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence presented the following report:

R. E. SIR HARRY M. VAN ZANDT,
Grand Commander, K. T. of Pa.

Right Eminent Sir:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg leave respectfully to submit the following report upon matters referred to it, viz.:

No. 1. *Question.*—"Can a By-Law be adopted reducing the dues of members of a Commandery who have paid dues therein for a number of years, say, 21 years?"

Report.—This is a proposition to graduate the dues of a Commandery, dependent upon the length of time a Sir Knight has been a member or paid dues therein. It differs from Life Membership, which is especially authorized by Section IX, Article 38, of the Code, which is based upon the payment of a fixed sum of money, the interest of which represents the member's share of the expenses of the Commandery. The above proposition would provide no equivalent for the dues of a Sir Knight after he arrived at the age limit fixed. The matter is the subject of a proper by-law, and there is no law prohibiting it. The practice, however, cannot be desirable. In the opinion of your Committee each Sir Knight, able to do so, should pay his proportion of the expenses, while he enjoys the privileges or blessings of Templar Masonry.

No. 2. *Question.*—A Sir Knight dimits from a Commandery in which he was a Life Member, acquired by the payment of a specific sum of money. He unites with another Commandery and becomes a member thereof. Subse-

quently he dimits from this Commandery and is again admitted to the one in which he was a Life Member. Is he entitled to his Life Membership privileges therein?

Report.—This involves the effect of a dimit and the rights acquired by being admitted to membership in a Commandery. By his withdrawal or dismission from a Commandery, a Sir Knight voluntarily abandons whatever rights or privileges he possesses as a member thereof. His subsequently joining another makes him subject to its By-Laws in every particular, including the payment of dues, and he assents to it. In withdrawing from this body and uniting with his original Commandery he becomes a new member, subject to its regulations.

Membership in a Commandery is acquired in two ways—first, by initiation, or, as we term it, "creating and dubbing." Secondly by admission after initiation into another Commandery, upon petition and ballot.

There is no difference in the relative standing of either class of members. Their prerogatives, their privileges and their obligations are the same. The entire subject of Life Membership must be regulated by By-Law, and there is no provision for a contingency of this character. Nor could one be sustained contemplating the restoration of rights after they have been voluntarily abandoned. It would necessarily be too uncertain and indefinite to be considered.

Your Committee are of the opinion that he is not entitled to Life Membership.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. S. GOBIN.

Upon motion, action was taken upon each of the foregoing recommendations separately.

Upon motion, the first recommendation was adopted.

Upon motion, the second recommendation was adopted.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals made verbal report in the matter of the appeal of certain Sir Knights, members of —— Commandery, No. — from action of said Commandery in suspending them from membership for non-payment of dues; and requested that the subject be referred to the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence. There being no objection it was so referred.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem presented the following report, which was, upon motion, received, and the Resolution attached adopted:

HARRISBURG, May 26, 1898.

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem present the following report of the computation for this Conclave for account mileage and per diem:

Voucher No.			Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
1	Eli Edmundson, Jr.,	Commandery No. 1 . .	$14 94	$9 00	$23 94
2	Wm. C. Matchett,	" 2 . .	6 30	9 00	15 30
3	John C. Bane,	" 3 . .	16 80	9 00	25 80
4	Lewis Bremer,	" 4 . .	6 30	9 00	15 30
5	Samuel S. Bixler,	" 8 . .	1 14	9 00	10 14
6	Edw. F. Freehofer,	" 9 . .	3 24	9 00	12 24
7	Geo. F. Jackson,	" 10 . .	7 92	9 00	16 92
8	Clark E. Diehl,	" 11 . .	——	9 00	9 00
9	Geo. E. Wilbur,	" 12 . .	5 10	9 00	14 10
10	Richard C. Rose,	" 13 . .	2 22	9 00	11 22
11	Samuel T. Sly,	" 14 . .	9 12	9 00	18 12
12	Albert M. Sower,	" 15 . .	5 10	9 00	14 10
13	Herbert S. Putnam,	" 16 . .	15 06	9 00	24 06
14	Wm. S. Mears,	" 17 . .	8 10	9 00	17 10
15	Jacob Sell,	" 18 . .	13 08	9 00	22 08
16	Robert E James,	" 19 . .	6 42	9 00	15 42
17	Wellington H. Snyder,	" 20 . .	5 40	9 00	14 40
18	Richard E. Cochran,	" 21 . .	1 68	6 00	7 68
19	James B. Krause,	" 22 . .	5 58	9 00	14 58
20	Wm. L. Yeager,	" 23 . .	7 14	9 00	16 14
21	John R. Rodearmel,	" 24 . .	1 56	6 00	7 56
22	Otto Kohler,	" 25 . .	22 56	9 00	31 56
23	Henry A Felix,	" 26 .	3 72	6 00	9 72
24	Chas. M. Shelf,	" 27 . .	11 94	9 00	20 94
25	J. L. R. Whetstone,	" 29 . .	6 30	9 00	15 30
26	Joseph H. Williams,	" 30 . .	20 46	9 00	29 46
27	Joshua D. Jones,	" 31 . .	6 00	6 00	12 00
28	Matthias L. March,	" 32 . .	5 70	6 00	11 70
29	S. M. Buck,	" 33 . .	7 74	9 00	16 74
30	Wm. F. Maulick,	" 34 . .	1 74	6 00	7 74
31	Wm. R. Heckert,	" 35 . .	15 00	9 00	24 00
32	Alfred K. Gregory,	" 36 . .	6 30	9 00	15 30

Voucher No.		Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
33 Wm. K. West,	Commandery No. 37 . .	4 02	6 00	10 02
34 Joseph J. McCrum,	" 38 . .	17 76	9 00	26 76
35 Robert O'Boyle,	" 39 . .	5 40	6 00	11 40
36 James S. Miller,	" 40 . .	13 32	9 00	22 32
37 Wm. H. Kessler,	" 42 . .	3 24	6 00	9 24
38 David Laughlin,	" 43 . .	22 86	9 00	31 86
39 Frank Dietrick,	" 45 . .	7 02	9 00	16 02
40 Wm. F. Elliot,	" 46 . .	7 08	9 00	16 08
41 A. G. Criswell Smith	" 47 . .	6 30	9 00	15 30
42 John T. Cunningham,	" 48 . .	14 94	9 00	23 94
43 John M. Core,	" 49 . .	15 36	9 00	24 36
44 Fredk. W. Koehler,	" 50 . .	19 20	9 00	28 20
45 Jerome Hyatt,	" 51 . .	18 24	9 00	27 24
46 Henry G. Bruner,	" 53 . .	6 30	9 00	15 30
47 Edwin S. Titus,	" 54 . .	6 30	9 00	15 30
48 John W. Riday,	" 55 . .	4 02	6 00	10 02
49 John K. Britton,	" 56 . .	3 12	6 00	9 12
50 James Ryan,	" 57 . .	7 56	9 00	16 56
51 Edward A. Boyne,	" 58 . .	16 62	9 00	25 62
52 Charles F. Foster,	" 59 . .	14 94	9 00	23 94
53 George S. Baldwin,	" 60 . .	8 88	9 00	17 88
54 John Pendry, Jr.,	" 61 . .	10 26	9 00	19 26
55 Herbert D. McGown,	" 62 . .	17 94	9 00	26 94
56 Wm. H. Davis,	" 63 . .	16 50	9 00	25 50
57 Wm. C. Crippen,	" 64 . .	7 98	9 00	16 98
58 James R. Patton,	" 65 . .	5 88	6 00	11 88
59 J. A. J. Compton,	" 66 . .	7 14	9 00	16 14
99 Thomas C. Gibson,	" 67 . .	20 10	9 00	29 10
60 James S. Porteus,	" 68 . .	8 10	9 00	17 10
61 Walter Scott,	" 70 .	6 30	9 00	15 30
62 Jacob S. Bahr,	" 71 . .	4 32	6 00	10 32
63 Robert B. Ward,	" 72 . .	14 94	9 00	23 94
64 Thomas A. Harris,	" 73 . .	5 70	6 00	11 70
65 Thomas J. Lee,	" 74 . .	8 46	9 00	17 46
66 Charles I. Nes,	" 75 . .	1 68	6 00	7 68
67 Henry F. Manzer,	" 76 . .	11 94	9 00	20 94
68 John F. Osler,	" 77 . .	4 32	6 00	10 32
69 Christian F. Knapp,	Past Grand Commander	5 10	12 00	17 10
70 John Vallerchamp,	"	——	6 00	6 00
71 Andrew J. Kauffman,	"	1 74	9 00	10 74
72 Samuel B. Dick,	"	22 56	12 00	34 56
73 John P. S. Gobin,	"	1 56	9 00	10 56
74 Dewitt C. Carroll,	"	14 94	9 00	23 94

Voucher. No.		Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
75	George W. Kendrick, Jr., Past Grand Commander	$6 30	$9 00	$15 30
76	B. Frank Breneman, "	2 22	9 00	11 22
77	Joseph Alexander, Jr., "	8 10	9 00	17 10
78	Lee S. Smith, "	14 94	9 00	23 94
79	James H. Codding, "	15 06	9 00	24 06
80	Irving P. Wanger, "	5 70	9 00	14 70
81	Edward B. Spencer, "	6 30	9 00	15 30
82	Samuel S. Yohe, "	6 42	9 00	15 42
83	Harry M. Van Zandt, Grand Commander . .	——	12 00	12 00
84	Henry H. Kuhn, Dep. Gr. Commander .	10 26	12 00	22 26
85	James B. Youngson, Gr. Generalissimo . .	14 94	12 00	26 94
86	Adam H. Schmehl, " Capt. General . .	3 24	12 00	15 24
87	Thomas N. Boyle, " Prelate	14 94	12 00	26 94
88	Thomas F. Penman, " Senior Warden . .	8 10	12 00	20 10
89	Ezra S. Bartlett, " Junior Warden .	6 30	12 00	18 30
90	John Jay Gilroy " Treasurer	6 30	12 00	18 30
91	Wm. W. Allen, P. G. C., " Recorder	6 30	12 00	18 30
92	Wm. F. Eckbert Jr. " Standard Bearer .	3 72	12 00	15 72
93	John C. Wallace, " Sword Bearer . .	17 94	12 00	29 94
94	Fredk. Münch " Warder	6 30	12 00	18 30
95	Peter Barkey, " Capt. of the Guard	20 46	12 00	32 46
96	Owen M. Copelin, " Marshal	——	12 00	12 00
97	Monroe A. Althouse, Herald	3 24	12 00	15 24
98	Samuel W. Wray, Chm. Com. M. and P. D.	6 30	12 00	18 30
		$862 98	$894 00	$1,756 98

Resolved, That the R. E. Grand Commander be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to draw his Warrant for $1,756.98 to pay the above mileage and per diem.

SAMUEL W. WRAY,
For the Committee.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a report, which was, upon motion, referred to the Grand Officers with power to print.

CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following members present.

No. 1—Pittsburg.

Eli Edmundson, Jr., E. C.

Arthur B. Wigley, G.; *Eli Edmundson, Jr., proxy*; Matthew M. Felker, C. G.; *Eli Edmundson, Jr., proxy.*

Past Commanders—James B. Youngson, G. G.; David M. Kinzer, Herman Junker.

No. 2—Philadelphia.

William C. Matchett, E. C.

John A. Perry, G.; Forrest E. Gordon, C. G.

Past Commanders.—George W. Kendrick, Jr., P. G. C.; Louis Wagner, Frank M. Highley, Robert J. Linden, Richard Maris, George B. Wells.

No. 3—Jacques de Molay.

John C. Bane, E. C.

Warren A. McKay, G.; *John C. Bane, proxy*; James L. Stright, C. G.

Past Commanders —George A. Carsten, H. James A. Finley.

No. 4—St. John's. (Philad'a)

Lewis Bremer, E. C.

Frederick B. Vandegrift, C. G.

Past Commanders—Philip C. Shaffer, John Jay Gilroy, G. T.; Harry I. McIntire.

No. 8—St. John's (Carlisle.)

Samuel S. Bixler, E. C.

Thomas J. Parmley, G.; George J. Benner, C. G.

Past Commanders—Henry Manning, Alexander Ege, George B. Cole, Frederick K. Ployer, Abram K. Manning, Charles F. Shower, James D. Rea, Samuel R. Claudy, William R. Baillie, Winfield S. Schroeder, Frank E. Thompson, Edgar S. Manning, John H. Gardner, John A. Senseman, Harry S. Mohler, Niles M. Fissell.

No. 9—De Molay.

Edward F. Freehofer, E. C.

Nevin M. Davis, G.; Richard J. Hampton, C. G.

No. 10—Mountain.

George F. Jackson, E. C.

Henry O. Kline, G.; *George F. Jackson, proxy*; Wilson A. Turner, C. G.; *George F. Jackson, proxy.*

Past Commanders—James G. Humer, William T. Schomberg.

No. 11—Pilgrim.

Clark E. Diehl, E. C.

J. Wilson Hoffa, G.; Harry M. Chenowith, C. G.

Past Commanders—John Vallerchamp, P. G. C, Daniel W. Cox, William L. Gorgas, Josiah P. Wilbur, Edgar A. Tennis, Daniel H. Heisey, Jacob P. Barringer, John H. Shoop, Peter K. Sprenkle, Michael W. Jacobs, William M. Donaldson, Owen M. Copelin, George A. Gorgas, Robert C. Welsh.

No. 12—Crusade.

Cortez B. Robbins, E. C.; *George E. Wilbur, proxy.*

John R. Townsend, G.; *H. A. McKillip, proxy*; George E. Wilbur, C. G.

Past Commanders—Christian F. Knapp, P. G. C.; James M. Staver, Harvey A. McKillip, Samuel B. Arment.

No. 13—Lancaster.

Richard C. Rose, E. C.

J. Frederick Fisher, G.; *Richard C. Rose, proxy*; William L. Marshall, C. G.

Past Commanders—James B. Strine, Joel S. Eaby, Joshua L. Lyte, Geo. H. Rothermel, David E. Long, Harry B. Cochran, Henry Carpenter, Andrew H. Hershey.

No. 14—Palestine.

Samuel T. Sly, E. C.

Frank Roemmelmeyer, G.; *Samuel T. Sly, proxy*; Robert M. Vannam, C. G.; *Samuel T. Sly, proxy.*

No. 15—Jerusalem.

Albert M. Sower, E. C.

Frederic A. Tencate, C. G.; *William H. Bitting, proxy.*

Past Commanders—Addison S. Vanderslice, Irvin M. Buckwalter, Wm. H. Bitting, Aaron T. Heckert, Henry A. Jenks.

No. 16.—Northern.

Herbert S. Putnam, E. C.

C. Manville Pratt, G.; *Lester R. Frost, proxy*; George B. Winter, C. G; *Lester R. Frost, proxy.*

Past Commanders—James H. Codding, P. G. C.; Lester R. Frost.

No. 17.—Cœur de Lion.

A. Williams, E. C.; *William S. Mears, proxy*; William S. Mears, G.; Joseph J. Taylor, C. G.

No. 18—Kedron.

Jacob Sell, E. C.

No. 19—Hugh de Payens.

Robert E. James, E. C.

William S. Semple, G.; Max W. Scheebeli, C. G.; *Samuel S. Yohe, proxy.*

Past Commanders—George S. Seigert, Samuel S. Yohe, P. G. C, George E. Sciple, Albert R. Dunn, Robert A. Middaugh, John F. Gwinner, Henry Weidknecht, Howard A. Hartzell.

No. 20—Allen.

Wellington H. Snyder, E. C.

Frank W. Martenis, G.; *Wellington H. Snyder, proxy;* Allen S Heckman, C. G.; *Wellington H Snyder, proxy.*

Past Commanders—William F. Schlechter, Charles H. Neisser, John M. Stevens.

No. 21—York.

Richard E. Cochran, E. C.

Jacob W. Hildebrand, C. G.

Past Commanders—Samuel I. Adams, Lewis H. Eppley, George W. S. Loucks, Alfred G. Sultzbach, Daniel K. Trimmer, George H. Shirk, Henry C. Brenneman, Charles M. Stock, Daniel F. LeFeau, Edward L. Schroeder.

No. 22—Baldwin II.

James B Krause, E. C.

Truman P. Reitmeyer, G.; William C. King, C. G.; *Herberl R. Laird, proxy.*

Past Commanders—F. Hiram Kellar, William N. Jones, William M. Dietrich, Daniel B. Else, William L. Parker, James N. Kline, John F. Laedlein, Frank J. Richards, Joseph W. Mussina, William H. Bloom, Alexander Beede, John P. Suess, Timothy S. Clark, Clarence E. Else, John K. Hays, William T. Carson, W. F. Dean, Herbert R. Laird.

No. 23—Packer.

William L. Yaeger, E. C.; *Laird H. Barber, proxy;* Jacob G. Zern, C. G.; *Laird H. Barber, proxy.*

Past Commanders—Eugene H. Blakeslee, Laird H Barber.

No. 24—Hermit.

John R. Rodearmel, E. C.

Harry G. Miller, C. G.

Past Commanders—John P. S. Gobin, P. G. C., P. G. M., U. S; Joseph L. Lemberger, John C. Bucher.

No. 25—Northwestern.

Otto Kohler, E. C.

Emmett W. McArthur, G.; *Otto Kohler, proxy*; Alvah Johnson, C. G.; *Otto Kohler, proxy.*

No. 26—Lewistown.

John A. Junkin, E. C.; *Henry A. Felix, proxy*; James W. Wagner, G.; Alton G. Scholl, C. G.

Past Commanders—Joseph M. Selheimer, Henry R. Zerbe, Harry M. Van Zandt, G. C., Henry A. Felix, Langdon C. Hesket, William Fox Eckbert, G. S. B.; George B. M. Arnold.

No. 27—Great Bend.

Charles M. Shelf, E. C.

Burton C. Roitt, G.; *Charles M. Shelf, proxy*; Frederick G. Inderlied, C. G.; *Charles M. Shelf, proxy.*

Past Commander—E. W. R. Searle.

No. 29—Kadosh.

Joseph L. R. Whetstone, E. C.

Adam H. Keen, C. G.

Past Commanders—Samuel W. Wray, Joseph L. Mann, John Lunn.

No. 30—Mount Olivet.

Joseph H. Williams, E. C.

Homer M. Hill, G.; *Joseph H. Williams, proxy*; John S. Relling, C G.; *Joseph H. Williams, proxy.*

Past Commanders—Frank McSparren, D. Samuel Crawford, Peter Barkey, G. C. G; David A. Sawdey, Henry E. Fish.

No. 31—Ivanhoe.

Joshua D. Jones. E. C.

Thomas L. Thomas, G.: *Joshua D. Jones, proxy*; Livingston V. Rausch, C. G.; *Joshua D. Jones, proxy.*

Past Commanders—Thomas L. Hess, Robert Littlehales.

No. 32—Hutchinson.

Matthias L. March, E. C.

George W. Watt, G. ; Harry B. Tyson, C. G.

Past Commanders—John Slingluff, Thaddeus S. Adle, Irving P. Wanger, P. G. C.; William F. Slingluff, William E. Perry, Samuel D. Crawford, W. Henry Sutton, Lewis G. Stritzinger.

No. 33—Constans.

Robert G. H. Hayes, E. C. ; *S. M. Buck, proxy* ; George T. Bush, G. ; *Wilson I. Fleming, proxy* ; William L. Steele, C. G.; *Wilson I. Fleming, proxy.*

Past Commanders—Wilson I. Fleming, Solyman M. Buck, Wilbur F. Reeder.

No. 34 - Cyrene.

William F. Maulick, E. C.

John D. Henderson, G.; John H. Ostertag, C. G.

Past Commanders—Andrew J. Kauffman, P. G. C ; Andrew M. Rambo, Sullivan S. Child, Stephen S. Clair, Amaziah E Keim, Robert S. Conklin.

No. 35—Allegheny.

William R. Heckert, E. C.

James H. Wilcox, G. ; *William R. Heckert, proxy* ; Jesse R. Seright, C. G.

Past Commanders—Lee S. Smith, P. G. C.; George C. Johnstone, William R. Heckert.

No. 36—Mary.

Alfred K. Gregory, E. C.

Frank C. Price, G. ; Charles C. Judd, C. G.

Past Commanders—William H. Burkhart, Daniel Sutter, Americus R. Underdown, John H. Dye, Jr., Alexander McCune, Ezra S. Bartlett, G. J. W.; Charles W. Packer, Albert Robinson, Fred Münch, G. W., Wm. J. Milligan, William McCoach, George Eiler, Jr.

No. 37—Calvary.

William K. West, E. C.

Charles P. Hancock, G. ; William L. Sidler, C. G. ; *William K. West proxy.*

Past Commander—William G. Kramer

No. 38—Rose Croix.

Joseph J. McCrum, E. C.

Reuben E. Taft, G.; *Joseph J. McCrum, proxy;* Leander C. Shattuck, C. G.; *Joseph J. McCrum, proxy.*

No. 39—Prince of Peace.

Robert O'Boyle, E. C.

No. 40—Knapp.

Fred H. Ely, E. C.; *James S. Miller, proxy*; James S Miller, G.; Walter H. Crocker, C. G.; *James S. Miller, proxy.*

No. 41—Constantine.

Past Commanders—Charles H. Wöltjen, William D. Pollard, Hiester S. Albright, George C. Miller.

No. 42—Reading.

William H. Hessler, E. C.

Samuel E. Nies, G.; E. Marsh Bradfield, C. G.

Past Commanders—George E. Haak, Thomas E. Weber, Gustavus A. Schlechter, Thomas P Merritt, Adam H. Schmehl, G. C. G; John B. Renninger, Daniel J. Hendel, George C. Wilson, Sr., David T. Schmehl.

No. 43—Talbot.

Clarence W. Coulter, E C.; *David Laughlin, proxy;* Henry Fritz, G.; *David Laughlin, proxy*; John W. Prince, C. G; *David Laughlin, proxy.*

Past Commander—David Laughlin.

No. 45—Dieu le Veut.

Frank Deitrick, E. C.

Warren R. Bowman, G; Stewart L. Barnes, C. G.; *Frank Deitrick, proxy.*

Past Commanders—Robert K. Laycock, David O. McCollum, Fred. W. Tyrrell.

No. 46—Hospitaller.

William F Elliott, E. C.

John D. Tinsley, G.; *William F. Elliott, proxy*; John R. Stevenson, C. G

Past Commanders—Harry C. Trump, Edward D. Trump, Jr., John Noble, James H. Mussina.

No. 47—St. Alban.

A G. Criswell Smith, E. C.

Alfred J. Wilkinson, G.; George W. Hall, C. G.

Past Commanders—William W. Allen, P. G. C., G. R; Henry W. Smith, Robert F. Mustin, Jr, John D. Carlile, Francis H. Hemperley

No. 48—Tancred.

John T. Cunningham, E. C.

George T. Ghriest, G.; *John T. Cunningham, proxy;* Charles A. Willes, C. G.; *John T. Cunningham, proxy.*

Past Commanders—Americus V. Holmes, Charles P. Walker.

No. 49—Uniontown.

John M. Core, E. C.

Henry S. Detweiler, G.; *John M. Core, proxy;* John G. Barbour, C. G.; *John M. Core, proxy.*

No. 50—Rebecca.

Frederick W. Koehler, E. C.

Robert A. Hannah, G.; *Frederick W. Koehler, proxy;* Frank D. Runser, C. G.; *Frederick W. Koehler, proxy.*

Past Commander—John C. Owsley.

No. 51—Clarence.

Jerome Hyatt, E. C.

Fred. Stanford, G.; *Jerome Hyatt, proxy;* James P. Edwards, C. G.; *Jerome Hyatt, proxy.*

No. 53—Corinthian "Chasseur."

Henry G. Bruner, E. C.

Alfred Weldon, G.; J. Henry Williams, C. G.

Past Commanders—Edward B. Spencer, P. G. C.; Charles Cary, Edward Perry, Oliver S. Hemphill, N. Ferree Lightner, William Coleman, Richard W. Deaver, Franklin P. Mason, John O'Donnel.

No. 54—Kensington.

Edwin S. Titus, E. C.

Joseph Crockett, G.; Frederick G. Maurer, C. G.

Past Commander—Stephen C. Fraley.

No. 55—Centennial.

John W. Riday, E. C.

David H. Weaver, G.; Walter S. Coates, C. G., *J. Wesley Riday, proxy.*

No. 56—Continental.

John K. Britton, E. C.;

Garnet Gehr, G.; Harry G. Wolf, C. G.; *John K. Britton, proxy.*

Past Commanders—John W. Houser, J. Brua Hoyer, Napoleon B. Heefner, D. Maurice Wertz, John C. Gerbig.

No. 57—Wyoming Valley.

James Ryan, E. C.; *V. Murray Carpenter, proxy.*

W. Oscar Walborn, G.; *V. Murray Carpenter, proxy;* Henry B. Stark, C. G.; *V. Murray Carpenter, proxy.*

Past Commander—V. Murray Carpenter.

No. 58—Trinity.

Edward A. Boyne, E. C.

James C Fox, G.; *Edward A. Boyne, proxy;* Harry B. Goe, C. G.; *Edward A. Boyne, proxy.*

Past Commanders—James R. Goldsborough, John Ley, William P. Eckels.

No. 59—Ascalon.

Charles F. Foster, E. C.

John H. Armstrong, G.; *Charles F. Foster, proxy;* John D. Mars, C. G.; *Charles F. Foster, proxy.*

Past Commander—Thomas N. Boyle, Grand Prelate.

No. 60—Temple.

George S. Baldwin, E. C.

No. 61—Oriental.

John Pendry, Jr., E. C.

George W. Thompson, G.; William E. Beachy, C. G.; *John Pendry, Jr., proxy.*

Past Commanders—Henry H. Kuhn, D. G. C.; Alexander McKeever, Curt. G. Campbell, C. C. Wehn, George A. Hager, John J. Jones.

No. 62—Lawrence.

Herbert D. McGown, E. C.

Charles P. Shaw, G.; *Herbert D. McGown, proxy;* Thomas C. McIver, C. G.; *Herbert D. McGown, proxy.*

Past Commanders—John C. Wallace, Edgar E. Seavy.

No. 63—Warren.

William H. Davis, E. C.

D. F. A. Wheelock, G.; *William H. Davis, proxy;* Frederick W. Terry, C. G.; *William H. Davis, proxy.*

No. 64—Canton.

William C. Crippen, E. C.

Hollis H. Taylor, G.; *William C. Crippen, proxy;* Carlton W Manley, C G.; *William C. Crippen, proxy.*

No. 65—Huntingdon.

James R. Patton, E. C.

Robert A. Miller, G.; *James R. Patton, proxy;* Josiah C. Hall, C G.; *James R. Patton, proxy.*

Past Commander—Martin L. Shaffner.

No. 66—Chester.

Joseph A. J. Compton, E. C.

Robert J. Knott, G.; *Joseph A. J. Compton, proxy.*

Past Commander—Stacy G. Glauser.

No. 67—Mt. Calvary.

Thomas C. Gibson, E. C.

Cyrus Achre, G.; *Thomas C. Gibson, proxy;* Fayette Herrick, C. G.; *Thomas C. Gibson, proxy.*

Past Commander—John H. Martin.

No. 68—Melita.

Judson B. Woolsey, E. C.; *James S. Porteus, proxy.*

James S. Porteus, G.; William H. Brutzman, C. G.; *James S. Porteus, proxy.*

Past Commanders—Joseph Alexander, Jr., P. G. C.; John W. Dusenbury; R. A. Zimmerman; Thomas F. Penman, G. S. W.

No. 70—Pennsylvania.

Walter Scott, E. C.

Peter V. Guerry, G.; *Walter Scott, proxy;* Vincent Saull, C. G; *Walter Scott, proxy.*

No. 71—Nativity.

Jacob S. Bahr, E. C.

Augustus B. Miller, G.; *Jacob S. Bahr, proxy;* Augustus Coller, C. G.; *Jacob S. Bahr, proxy.*

No. 72—Duquesne.

Robert B. Ward, E. C.

Albert L. Schultz, G.

Past Commanders—William H. Devore, Archie K. Henderson, Richard W. Thompson, William K. T. Sahm.

No. 73—Mt. Vernon.

Thomas A. Harris, E. C.

Hiram P. Kuntz, G.; Fred. L. Smith, C. G.

Past Commander—Jeremiah McAvoy.

No. 74—Moshannon.

Thomas J. Lee, E. C.

Frank G. Harris, G.; *Thomas J. Lee, proxy;* John W. Kitchen, C. G.

Past Commanders—William H. Denlinger, Robert R. Fleming.

No. 75—Gethsemane.

Charles I. Nes, E. C.

John T. McFall, C. G.

Past Commanders—Edward M. Vandersloot, Harry E. Buckingham, N. Sargent Ross.

No. 76—St. Andrews.

Henry F. Mauzer, E. C.

Charles Sabin, G.; *Henry F. Mauzer, proxy;* John S. Wallace, C. G.; *Henry F. Mauzer, proxy.*

No. 77—Shamokin.

John F. Osler, E. C.

Christian J. Lessig, G.

Past Commanders—Daniel D. Heim, Ambrose G. Haas.

ANNUAL ELECTION.

The hour for holding the Annual Election having arrived, Tellers were appointed and the Grand Commandery proceeded with the election for Grand Officers, the Tellers reporting the following result:

V. E. Sir Henry H. Kuhn, Grand Commander.
E. Sir James B. Youngson, Deputy Grand Commander.
E. Sir Adam H. Schmehl, Grand Generalissimo.
E. Sir Thomas F. Penman, Grand Captain General.
E. Sir and Rev. Thomas N. Boyle, Grand Prelate.
E. Sir Ezra S. Bartlett, Grand Senior Warden.
E. Sir Charles M. Stock, Grand Junior Warden.
E. Sir John Jay Gilroy, Grand Treasurer.
R. E. Sir William W. Allen, Grand Recorder.

The Grand Commander-elect was pleased to announce the following appointments:

E. Sir Charles P. Walker, Grand Standard Bearer.
E. Sir William M. Donaldson, Grand Sword Bearer.
E. Sir Curtis G. Campbell, Grand Warder.
E. Sir John O'Donnel, Grand Captain of the Guard.
E. Sir Frederick W. Tyrrell, Grand Marshal.
Sir Monroe A. Althouse, Grand Herald.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were presented, and, on motion, adopted:

WHEREAS, A number of Organizations and Societies have been granted accommodations and facilities in transportation by the Passenger Department of the Trunk Line Association (making the rates of fare, etc., for the railroads interested) for several days of their annual meetings at various places, which were denied to the Knights Templar meeting at Harrisburg, Pa., therefore,

Resolved, That we view with disfavor, the action of the Passenger Department of the Trunk Line Association in discriminating against the Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, in refusing to grant the more favorable rates and facilities, which have been given to many other organizations and societies, and

Resolved, That these Resolutions be spread on the Records and a copy thereof be sent to the Commissioner of the Passenger Department of the Trunk Line Association.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

The following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted, the members standing while voting:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Commandery be extended to Pilgrim Commandery and the Municipal Authorities of the City of Harrisburg for the cordial welcome and munificent hospitality extended us on the occasion of our 45th Annual Conclave.

The Grand Commandery, having completed its business, adjourned until 8 o'clock P. M., to meet in the Opera House for the purpose of installing its officers.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Commandery assembled at 8 o'clock, P. M., in the Opera House, in the presence of a large number of Sir Knights, ladies and gentlemen, when the following programme was observed:

March—Excalibur . . . . . *Lewis*
(Dedicated to Knights Templar of America.)

Anthem—"Praise Ye the Father" . . . . . Choir

Presentation of Grand Officers

Vow of Office

Te Deum . . . . . Choir

Presentation of Grand Commander

Prayer . . . . . Grand Prelate

Gloria . . . . . Choir

Installation of Grand Commander

Gloria in Excelsis . . . . . Choir

Address by Grand Commander

Right Eminent Sir, Sir Knights, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The beautiful decorations, the bright waving plumes, the handsome flags and banners, which adorn this enlivening scene, the soul-stirring music, and eloquent, heartfelt appeal to Divine authority, which have touched our tenderest feelings,

and this magnificent audience of fair women and brave men, are indeed inspiring, and most appropriate scenes and incidents which mark the concluding ceremonies of the Forty-fifth Annual Conclave, of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

To the retiring Right Eminent Grand Commander, who has discharged his various and important duties so well and faithfully, and upon whom the high honors of office sat so gracefully; to the Fraters here assembled, from the various Commanderies throughout the jurisdiction, and also to the ladies and gentlemen of this beautiful capital city, of our good Commonwealth, I would say "All Hail."

Surrounded as I am to-night, with those of my Fraters, who have wielded the sceptre of authority and high office, not only among the Templar Masons of the Keystone State, but in the Nation as well, and whose records, both in the mystic circle of our Asylums and the important and responsible walks of life, is of such a character as to reflect honor and credit upon this Illustrious and Fraternal Order, it is therefore, my Fraters, with no little diffidence that I now stand before you, to receive at your hands, the high honor you have so generously and courteously conferred upon me, by elevating me to the important and responsible position of Right Eminent Grand Commander of the largest, most distinguished, and influential Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in the world.

Whilst I feel justly proud of this distinction, the culminating mark of your confidence and esteem—which I have so pleasurably enjoyed for many years—and for which I most cordially and heartily thank you, I also fully realize the grave responsibilities, important interests and cares of this new relation, in which I now stand toward you. Relying upon the Grand Commander of the Universe for strength, wisdom and judgment to guide my footsteps, I pledge you that to the best of my knowledge and ability, I will faithfully endeavor to care-

fully guard this sacred trust, and conduct these important interests in such manner as to reflect honor and credit upon this Grand Body.

I would courteously remind you, my Fraters, that my success in the administration of the affairs of this responsible position will largely depend upon your united support, assistance, and hearty co-operation. Fraters, it is certainly gratifying beyond measure, to know that during the Templar year just closed, our Grand Commandery has enjoyed a season of prosperity unparalelled in its history. Let us sincerely and earnestly hope that the present one, on the threshold of which we now stand, and which is being ushered in under such favorable and flattering auspices, may be equally as prosperous and successful.

The present year will in all probability be one of great importance, not only to the Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, but also to her citizens generally. For the first time in its history the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, of the United States of America, numbering one hundred and sixteen thousand gallant, loyal Knights, will assemble within the borders of our State and become the guests of this Grand Commandery, during the sittings of its Twenty-seventh Triennial Conclave, which will be held in the City of Pittsburg, in October next; and which bids fair to surpass in grandeur, magnificence and importance, all former Triennial Encampments.

It is therefore incumbent not only upon this Grand Body, but also upon each and every subordinate Commandery within the Jurisdiction, to make all due and necessary preparation for this important event, in order that we may be able to extend to our visiting Fraters, who will come from every State and Territory in the Union, and also from adjoining Foreign Jurisdictions, such courteous fraternal welcome as will be commensurate with the importance, dignity and standing of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, making them the

recipients of that generous, warm-hearted, open-handed hospitality, for which the old Keystone State is proverbial.

It is needless for me at this time and on this occasion, to recount at any length the historical features of this Valiant and Magnanimous Order; but a brief reference to its origin, its aims and purposes, is appropriate and in place.

The Orders of Christian Knighthood had their inception, their origin, during a dark period of the world's history; in a rude age, when the steel blade was oftener the arbiter of justice than the judgments of judicial tribunals, or the decrees of magistrates. But their undertaking, their mission, was a noble and holy one. It is an indisputable historical fact that the persecution by the Saracens of poor and defenceless Christian Pilgrims, was the prime cause which led to the association of those Knights who rescued the Sepulchre of our Saviour from the polluting grasp of the Infidel; and whose deeds of valor re-echoed throughout Christendom, shedding undying lustre over the name of Knight Templar; and the names and lives of whom are written in imperishable characters on the pages of history. To the succor and protection of the sorrowing and the destitute, to champion the cause of weak and defenceless women and children against the oppression of the strong and tyrannical, they consecrated their lives and devoted their every effort. Being of frugal habits and limited possessions, their language was in truth "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I unto thee." How well and faithfully they performed their duty, and fulfilled their vows, history has also recorded.

With the age, and then existing conditions and necessities which brought them into existence, their adventurous and warlike spirit has long since passed away, but the moral and beneficent character of those illustrious heroes still remains, bright in all its primitive beauty and loveliness, to incite,as in the days of their greatest glory, that spirit of moral and refined chivalry which is an incentive to the Knight Templar

of the present day, to ever champion the cause of truth and justice, inspiring and encouraging him to manly efforts in behalf of the innocent, the destitute, the helpless and the oppressed of his fellow men.

In this age, and in our land, only the distinctive rites, together with the appellations and regulations of the ancient Templars have been perpetuated; and this is a mark of merit, not a rank, because—to quote an eminent, distinguished Templar Mason,—"We were men before we were Knights Templar and we are Knights Templar only that we may be better men."

The doctrines and teachings of Templarism, founded as they are upon the death and resurrection of our Divine Master, fills the soul with the noblest impulses our human nature can realize. The eternal power of truth, the story of the cross, protection of the weak and defenceless, are sources from whence can be drawn the highest inspirations and the grandest principles of the human heart, and develop the highest type of manhood.

Templarism inculcates the cardinal virtues of temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice. In the absence of fortitude, no man can perform his duty to God, his country, his neighbor or himself in an acceptable manner; prudence is the rule which governs all other virtues; temperance in all things should be the practice of every Knight Templar, and its opposite carefully guarded against; without the influence of justice, universal confusion would ensue; lawless force would overcome the principles of equity, and social intercourse would no longer exist.

We have been frequently told in the past, that Christian persecution having ceased, the age of Chivalry having passed, the gallant equipped Knight no longer being called upon to champion the cause of weak, defenceless women and children against the strong, law and order prevailing, that Templarism had fulfilled its mission, that the organization was superfluous and unnecessary; and we were asked: "Why these swords

and plumes and glorious panoply of war, in this age of enlightenment and wisdom?" Turning our faces and thoughts Southward to-night to the "Pearl of the Antilles," and upon which the eyes of the whole world are now centred, do we find humane, refined, Christian and peaceful conditions prevailing there? No! The bloody exhibition of inhumanity and cruelty, by the proud and haughty Castilian, who by the strong arm and iron hand of the merciless tyrannical oppressor was wielded against innocent, helpless women and children; and who made freedom, law and human life mere playthings; while Spain, in her national might and power, stood idly by and gloated over the awful, terrible spectacle of desolation, famine, disease and death, whilst humane representatives of the American people forced their way, under the protection of the Red Cross banner, with food, clothing, medicines and help to the starving masses; and uncovered to the world a crime that has no parallel in the history of civilization, and in comparison with which the atrocities and barbarities perpetrated by the half civilized Moslems in Armenia pale into utter insignificance.

Templarism at all times and everywhere has been the staunch, unswerving friend of humanity, of progress, of good morals and good government; and to-day we have cause for rejoicing at the universal manifestation in this country of that spirit of the Divine Master that gave life for life.

It is in such testing times as the present that the true value of the principles, teachings and practical work of Templar Masonry can be measurably understood and appreciated. He who presides over the destinies of this Nation, in this, it's trying hour, is a gallant, courteous Knight of this Illustrious Fraternal Order; the Chief Magistrate of a Nation, of whose government there is none other in existence so bent upon upholding the Divine principles of humanity, equality and rational liberty, which are the supporting pillars of peace.

To-night on the tented fields throughout this land, on the

battle-ships on ocean's vast expanse, our Fraters, numbered by thousands, stand gallantly and nobly, shoulder to shoulder with their compatriot defenders of our Nation, now engaged in waging war in the cause of humanity and justice, and against oppression, crime and wrong. Their swords are drawn in a just and virtuous cause—in the defence of "innocent maidens, destitute widows and helpless orphans." And in the vicissitudes and exigencies of their humane and patriotic service, whatever hardships they may be required to undergo, to whatever dangers they may be exposed in battle, on land or sea, we reverently and fervently pray the God of battles for their success and safe return.

The Beauceant was the battle flag of the ancient Templars. It's colors are: half white and half black; signifying that those humane, Christian warriors were fair and favorable to the friends of Christ and to destitute and oppressed humanity, but dark and terrible to their enemies.

Knights Templar bear this banner in memory of their ancient and illustrious predecessors, as an incentive to emulate their self-sacrifice and devotion, in a just, humane and virtuous cause. Side by side, intertwined with this battle flag, they bear the Star Spangled Banner—the flag that had it's birth in the cradle of human liberty—and is ever, and always will be, unfurled in the cause of humanity, right, justice and rational liberty.

My Fraters, peculiarly to the true soldier and sailor, that flag is what the cross was to the early Christian; what the cross on the hilt of his sword was to the gallant Knightly Crusader—the emblem of his faith, his confidence, his love.

Sir Knights, does not this glorious emblem of our country speak to us, even as the radiant vision in the heavens spoke to the great Roman Commander—the ever memorable legend of which was written in letters of fire, the motto of our beloved Order, engraven upon our hearts, and emblazoned on our banners everywhere—and tell us,

By this sign conquer.

Yea, thrice yea, we answer:

"Beneath its folds we stand to-night,
And swear that every star so bright,
Shall never dim,
While trusty blade, and gallant Knight,
With valor born of God, can fight,
For it and Him."

"For Freedom's love be it unfurled,
Where'er our brave Knights shall be,
And wave it, wave it to the world,
As the flag of our Grand Commandery."

And now, my Fraters, we are about to separate, to return to our homes and resume our respective places in life's busy whirl; let us not forget to well and faithfully, discharge all the duties incumbent upon us, in a manner becoming men and Knights Templar, and, as we are taught—"Hoping ever, praying always for the advent of that glorious day, 'when the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains;' when 'swords shall be beaten into ploughshares, and spears into pruning hooks;' when 'nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more;' when the reign of the Blessed Emmanuel, the Prince of Peace, the Great Captain of our Salvation, shall become universal and eternal."

Selection—"Evening Prayer" . . . . . Band

Installation of Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General

Anthem—"The Radiant Morn Hath Passed Away" . . . . . Choir

Installation of Remaining Grand Officers

Proclamation by Grand Marshal

Charge by Grand Prelate

Anthem—"I Will Lay Me Down to Sleep" . . . . . Choir

Benediction

Selection . . . . . Band

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder having been re-elected, were not installed.

The following are the appointments of the Grand Commander for the Templar year 1898-1899.

COMMITTEES.

Doings of Grand Officers.

R. E. Sir JAMES H. CODDING, P. G. C., *Chairman.*
" GEORGE W. KENDRICK, Jr., P. G. C.
" LEE S. SMITH, P. G. C.
" IRVING P. WANGER, P. G. C.,
" HARRY M. VAN ZANDT, P. G. C.

Charters and Dispensations.

R. E. Sir SAMUEL B. DICK, P. G. C., *Chairman.*
E. Sir ROBERT J. LINDEN,
" JOHN C. BANE,
" ROBERT F. MUSTIN, Jr.,
" JOHN F. OSLER.

By-Laws.

R. E. Sir EDWARD B. SPENCER, P. G. C., *Chairman.*
E. Sir ALEXANDER J. H. MACKIE,
" ARTHUR H. WOODWARD,
" JOHN J. JONES,
" HARRY I. McINTYRE, Jr.

Finance.

R. E. Sir SAMUEL S. YOHE, P. G. C., *Chairman.*
E. Sir HENRY W. SMITH,
" THOMAS P. MERRITT,
" HERMAN JUNKER,
" SOLYMAN M. BUCK.

Grievances and Appeals.

R. E. Sir ANDREW J. KAUFFMAN, P. G. C., *Chairman.*
" DEWITT C. CARROLL, P. G. C.,
" JOHN VALLERCHAMP, P. G. C.,
" CHRISTIAN KNAPP, P. G. C.,
" TORRENCE C. HIPPLE, P. G. C.

Next Place of Meeting.

R. E. Sir JOSEPH ALEXANDER, JR., P. G. C., *Chairman.*
E. Sir JOHN K. RAY,
" CHARLES MATTHEWS,
" DAVID LAUGHLIN,
" DAVID M. KINZER.

Unfinished Business.

R. E. Sir HARRY M. VAN ZANDT, P. G. C., *Chairman.*
E. Sir CHARLES MATTHEWS,
" JOHN M. CORE,
" WALTER SCOTT,
" OLIVER S. HEMPHILL.

Mileage and Per Diem.

E. Sir SAMUEL W. WRAY, *Chairman.*
" JOHN S. SELL,
" ALFRED S. BISHOP,
" GEORGE B. WELLS,
" WILLIAM T. SCHOMBERG.

Templar Jurisprudence.

M. E. Sir JOHN P. S. GOBIN, P. G. M., *Chairman.*
" JAMES H. HOPKINS, P. G. M.,
R. E. Sir SAMUEL B. DICK, P. G. C.,
" JAMES H. CODDING, P. G. C.,
" SAMUEL S. YOHE, P. G. C.

Foreign Correspondence.

R. E. Sir LEE S. SMITH, P. G. C., *Chairman.*
E. Sir EDGAR A. TENNIS,
" FRANK M. HIGHLEY,
" LAIRD H. BARBER,
" PETER BARKEY.

Printing and Publishing.

E. Sir CHARLES CARY, *Chairman.*
" FRED MUNCH,
" ANDREW M. RAMBO,
" JOSEPH H. HINKSON,
" JOHN F. RAU.

Credentials.

E. Sir CHARLES F. SHERIFF, *Chairman.*
" HARRY W. READ,
" PHILIP C. SHAFFER.

Representative to the Masonic Home.

E. Sir M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ.

DIVISION COMMANDERS.

Division No.

1. E. Sir Ezra S. Bartlett, Grand Senior Warden, Philadelphia. Commanderies Nos. 2, 4, 29, 36, 47, 53, 54, 70, Philadelphia; 66, Chester.

2. V. E. Sir James B. Youngson, Deputy Grand Commander, Pittsburgh. Commanderies Nos. 1, 48, 59, 72, Pittsburgh; 35, Allegheny.

3. E. Sir Thaddeus S. Adle, Norristown. Commanderies Nos. 15, Phoenixville; 32, Norristown; 55, Coatesville; 71, Pottstown.

4. E. Sir John F. Gwinner, Easton. Commanderies Nos. 19, Easton; 20, Allentown; 23, Mauch Chunk; 73, Hazleton.

5. E. Sir Frank McSparren, Erie. Commanderies Nos. 25, Meadville; 30, Erie; 38, Titusville; 51, Corry; 63, Warren.

6. E. Sir John C. Owsley, Sharon. Commanderies Nos. 43, Oil City; 44, Franklin; 50, Sharon; 62, New Castle; 67, Greenville.

7. E. Sir James R. Goldsborough, Bradford. Commanderies Nos. 40, Ridgway; 58, Bradford; 69, Coudersport.

8. E. Sir Daniel B. Else, Williamsport. Commanderies Nos. 22, Williamsport; 46, Lock Haven; 77, Shamokin.

9. E. Sir Lester R. Frost, Towanda. Commanderies Nos. 16, Towanda; 28, Wellsboro; 64, Canton.

10. E. Sir Owen M. Copelin, Harrisburg. Commanderies Nos. 8, Carlisle; 11, Harrisburg; 24, Lebanon; 26, Lewistown; 56, Chambersburg.

11. E. Sir Wilson I. Fleming, Bellefonte. Commanderies Nos. 33, Bellefonte; 65, Huntingdon; 74, Philipsburg.

12. E. Sir Adam H. Schmehl, Grand Generalissimo, Reading. Commanderies Nos. 9, 42, Reading; 31, Mahanoy City; 39, Ashland; 41, Pottsville.

13. E. Sir Joshua L. Lyte, Lancaster. Commanderies Nos. 13, Lancaster; 21, 75, York; 34, Columbia.

14. Commanderies Nos. 3, Washington; 7, Brownsville; 10, Altoona; 18, Greensburg; 49, Uniontown; 61, Johnstown, are under the personal supervision of R. E. Sir Henry H. Kuhn, Grand Commander, Johnstown.

15. E. Sir Thomas F. Penman, Grand Captain General, Scranton. Commanderies Nos. 14, Carbondale; 17, 68, Scranthn; 27, Great Bend; 76, Susquehanna.

16. E. Sir Frederick W. Tyrrell, Grand Marshal, Wilkesbarre. Commanderies Nos. 12, Bloomsburg; 37, Danville; 45, Wilkesbarre; 57, Pittston; 60, Tunkhannock.

The Grand Commandery then adjourned to meet in the City of Altoona, on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 23 and 24, 1899.

Henry H. Kuhn

Grand Commander.

ATTEST :

Grand Recorder.

Report on Correspondence.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania:

We herewith present our annual Report on Correspondence, covering the reading and review of forty Grand Commanderies, all that have reached us, as follows:

Alabama,
Arkansas,
California,
Canada,
Colorado,
Connecticut,
District of Columbia,
England and Wales,
Florida,
Georgia,
Illinois,
Indiana,
Iowa,
Kansas,
Kentucky,
Louisiana,
Maine,
Maryland,
Massachusetts and Rhode Island,
Michigan,
Minnesota,
Missouri,
Montana,
Nebraska,
New Hampshire,
New Jersey,
New York,
North Carolina,
North Dakota
Ohio,
Oklahoma,
South Dakota,
Tennessee,
Texas,
Vermont,
Virginia,
Washington,
West Virginia,
Wisconsin,
Wyoming.

ALABAMA, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 10; total membership, 380.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Conclave was held in Birmingham, May 12, 1897.

R. E. Sir Robert L. Douglas, Grand Commander.

A number of dispensations were granted for holding special Conclaves and balloting out of time, which seems to be quite popular with our fraters in Alabama. No decisions reported.

The various grand officers furnish detail reports of their visitations and acts for the year, which are printed supplementary to the report of the Grand Commander.

Nothing further being of general interest, and there being no report on correspondence, we are obliged to satisfy ourselves with this slight reference.

R. E. Sir H. H. MATTHEWS, Montgomery,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir H. C. ARMSTRONG, Montgomery,
Grand Recorder.

E. Sir GEO. F. MONROE, Montgomery,
Correspondent.

ARKANSAS, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 13; total membership, 492.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Conclave was held in Little Rock, April 20th, 1897.

R. E. Sir Geo. Thornburgh, Grand Commander.

A little excitement was stirred up in the Grand Commandery by the report in a peculiar case of complaint; namely, that a member of the Order in Arkansas visited Boston, and with his daughter attempted to visit the reception rooms of a California Commandery, but that a policeman took him by the collar and threw him out, telling him that he had no business there. He made complaint to his Commander, who laid it before the Grand Commandery of California, who in turn presented the matter to the individual Commandery against which the complaint was registered, and they denied all knowledge of any such act, claiming that it was impossible for it to have occurred at their headquarters, as they had no policemen there at all during the Conclave. With this explanation the Knight, whose feelings were wounded and shirt collar ruffled by the supposed transaction, acknowledged himself satisfied, and the matter was dropped.

We do not know the Sir Knight, but under the circumstances, think he must have been in an unknightly condition to have made such a mistake. We hope we are mistaken, however.

No report on correspondence.

R. E. Sir GEO. G. LATTA, Hot Springs,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir JAS. A. HENRY, Little Rock,
Grand Recorder.

E. Sir O. C. GRAY, Little Rock,
Correspondent.

CALIFORNIA, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 37; total membership, 3069.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Conclave was held in San Francisco, April 22nd, 1897.

R. E. Sir T. H. Ward, Grand Commander.

After perusing the report of the R. E. Grand Commander and of the action of the various Committees, we must say that for thorough, conscientious and careful performance of duty and report thereon, the Officers and Committees of the Grand Commandery of California are pre-eminent. We know of no state in which the Grand Commanders go into details as thoroughly as have those of California, for at least quite a number of years past, and from the business submitted to them, we think they are kept quite busy and earn their salaries, even were they doubled a few times.

In his report he says he does not consider it good practice to confer the Order of the Red Cross upon more than two candidates in an evening, and suggests a regulation governing the subject. While we certainly think that would be desirable under some circumstances, still we scarcely think it would be possible to carry it out at all times in large city Commanderies, unless the officers were willing to conduct at least one or more special meetings every week in the year. He seems to think that the lessons embodied in the Ritual could be more thorougly inculcated should they be directed one at a time.

He also reports trouble regarding conflict of the law of some Grand Commanderies and the laws of the Grand Encampment regarding non-affiliation in lodge not being essential in order to hold membership in the Grand Commandery, but thinks that this should not be so; that they should not use the lodge to gain position in the Commandery and then

drop out from those bodies, and we heartily agree with him, as we have frequently stated before. There are other matters of interest in the report which we would like to review, but must pass on, but we will content ourselves with extracting a resolution and amendment which has been offered, and the spirit of which we can heartily commend as being essential to the welfare of the Order.

Resolved, That General Regulation No. 14 of this Grand Commandery be amended by substituting after the words "from the," in the third line thereof, the words "Department Commander" in place of "Inspecting Officer," as now provided; so that when amended the Regulation will read as follows:—

"14. That any Sir Knight hereafter elected to the office of Eminent Commander shall not be inducted into office unless he shall have obtained from the *Department Commander* of his district a certificate of his proficiency in the ritual, manual of the sword and the work upon the floor of the Asylum, in the opening and closing ceremonies."

The report on correspondence is by Wm. A. Davies, and is carefully written and well prepared. He takes exception to a part of our last report, especially that referring to the use of intoxicants, but we are perfectly willing that he should have his own views on that subject, but still do not think it is consistent with the correspondent from California to express such views as Brother Davies does, after the able and earnest reports made by several Past Grand Commanders on this very subject; that is, some Past Grand Officers going much farther than we have ever thought of going, and in fact, the reports of California Grand Commanders have done more to set the ball in motion, which we hope to see rolling down through the ranks of the various Grand Commanderies, than those of any other jurisdiction. However, agitation is the life of any subject, and we cannot expect all to look through the same glasses; that would be a little presumptuous, and honest op-

position does more than false support, and we give Brother Davies credit for honesty in his views as expressed in his report.

R. E. Sir GEO. D. METCALF, Oakland,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir THOS. H. CASWELL, San Francisco,
Grand Recorder.

WM. E. DAVIES,
Correspondent.

CANADA, 1897.

Number of Priories, 37; total membership, 1764, (an increase for the year of 268).

The Fourteenth Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada was held in Montreal, August 19, 1896.

M. E. Sir Knight W. H. Whyte, Montreal, Supreme Grand Master.

The Grand Master's annual report is a most interesting and carefully prepared paper. Fitting reference is made to the recognition of the celebration of Queen Victoria's Sixtieth Anniversary or Golden Jubilee as Queen of Great Britain; and the address from the Great Priory, sent to the Queen is given, as well as her answer in return.

As we have made reference in former reports of the arrangements being made for bringing the Encampment of St. John into the Great Priory of Canada, we quote herewith the reference of the Supreme Grand Master on that subject, and congratulate our fraters on our northern border on the success of the enterprise.

ENCAMPMENT OF ST. JOHN.

"As expressed in my address last year, the consummation which we wished for regarding the affiliation of Scottish Knights at St. John, New Brunswick, has now become 'un fait accompli.' In January I received word that our fraters had finally decided to come under the banner of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and in February I granted to them a dispensation to work until such times as a charter was issued. The terms and agreement by which this gallant body has affiliated were duly approved and ratified last session, and the Encampment of St. John is now a component part of this Great Priory under their old name and numbered *3a* on our roll.

"I have written to the Presiding Preceptor that we would like to see a large attendance of our new fraters at Great Priory and I expect a goodly representation at this session and can bespeak for them a hearty, courteous and knightly welcome to our Canadian Grand Body."

Reference is also made in the report to a desire which seems to have prevailed in some of the Preceptories of Canada

to create the office of Past or Honorary without having required the member to pass the chairs, something similar, we suppose, to our Honorary Past Masters in our Blue Lodge. The Supreme Grand Master, as well as the Committees who considered this subject, deemed it a matter of very serious import, and asked further consideration, consequently it was held over for future action; and the subject was referred to Committee of Great Priory to report at a future Conclave with such recommendations as it may see fit.

The fraternal correspondence is reported by M. E. Sir Knight Henry Robertson, P. S. G. M., is carefully prepared and has been enjoyably perused by Pennsylvania's correspondent. But again Pennsylvania is not in it, consequently we can only say that it lacks this of being perfect.

M. E. Sir Knight D F. McWATT, Barry,
Supreme Grand Master.

R. E. Sir Knight J. B. TRESIDDER Montreal,
Grand Register.

R. E. Sir Knight HENRY ROBERTSON,
Correspondent.

COLORADO, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 25; total membership 1667.

The Twenty-Second Annual Conclave was held in Denver, June 1, 1897.

R. E. Sir E. P. Shove, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander reports a number of dispensations granted during the year. None of them being of special importance, we pass them by. He also reports an order published by him the previous October, calling attention to the distribution of certain keys and so called Masonic secret work throughout the Jurisdiction, denounces them as spurious, and advises all Masons to abstain from recognizing same.

Under decisions he reports rather a curious case; curious because we seldom find men who refuse the honors of the chairs in Masonic bodies. In this instance, the Eminent Commander and Captain General refused to be installed. The Grand Commander reported that he decided that the old officers in these two positions be held over, and consequently there were no vacancies to be filled.

The Alabama resolutions regarding the question of relative jurisdiction to be controlled by the Grand Encampment, Grand Chapter, etc., were read, and the following adopted, which shows that Colorado is not in sympathy with the Brothers Speed of Alabama.

We have carefully considered the report of the "Official Drill Master," together with his recommendations, and we believe that the office should be continued in its present form and manner, and that a continuance may produce more satisfactory results. We would therefore recommend that the recommendations of the Official Drill Master be not approved.

We have carefully considered the circular containing the resolutions offered by Past Grand Commander Speed of Mississippi, in regard to the change proposed by him in the organic law of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, and unanimously and heartily recommend that this Grand Commandery do not concur therein.

The report on correspondence is announced as the Seventeenth Annual from the pen of R. E. Harper M. Orahood. We

always like to read Brother Orahood, not only because we know him personally, but because his reports are well worth reading. He does not spend much time in personal comments, but skips along in a way to cull the kernal out of nearly all the proceedings.

Pennsylvania for 1896 receives careful attention. A kindly memorium is given for Past Grand Commander R. E. Sir Jos. S. Wright, of Pennsylvania, who went to Denver hoping for a relief from his illness, and from there was called to the Grand Asylum, and to whose memory the Fraters of Colorado paid a most fitting tribute by turning out to escort the remains, and assist the Fraters who went to bring his remains home. Such Knightly courtesies, while they are but natural in such an order as ours, yet always touch us and are deeply appreciated.

R. E. Sir G. J. DUNBAUGH, Pueblo,

Grand Commander.

We learn from the proceedings that E. Sir E. C. Parmelee of Denver was elected Grand Recorder, but the roster on the back of the proceedings shows that the Grand Recorder was either to modest to enter his name in line of officers, or else he was so absent minded as to forget himself.

R. E. Sir HARPER M. ORAHOOD, Denver,

Correspondent.

CONNECTICUT, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 11; total membership, 2,363.

The Seventieth Annual Conclave was held in New Haven, March 16, 1897; and also a special Conclave was held in Hartford, July 14, 1896; being the occasion of the Centennial Celebration of Washington Commandery No. 1. At the special Conclave all the members of the Grand Commandery were present. Regular Conclave, R. E. Sir L. H. Johnston, Grand Commander.

Little of interest is furnished in the report of the Grand Commander, as dispensations were few and all in accordance with the law, and no decisions. Quite a lengthy report of the Grand Inspector is recorded, showing a careful working of that department of the Grand Commandery.

The report on correspondence is from the pen of Hugh Sterling, and is announced as his first. Well, Brother Sterling, we greet you to the Brotherhood, and after reading your report can say "Well done." You have certainly shown the wisdom of your Grand Body in placing you in the position which you occupy.

Pennsylvania, for 1896, receives careful and generous review, and, as no fault is found with our actions, we thank you.

R. E. Sir S. M. BRONSON, Hartford,
Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir E. C. BIRDSEY, Meriden,
Grand Recorder.

E. Sir HUGH STERLING,
Correspondent.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 5; total membership, 1,534.

The Second Annual Conclave was held in Washington, May 10, 1897, R. E. Sir Frank H. Thomas, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander presents a carefully prepared report of his official acts for the year, in which he gives a few dispensations and no decisions. He refers to the question of suspension in Masonic Bodies, and says that to him it is an indication that a process of healthy pruning, which our Templar Bodies have so long needed, is going on. This is certainly a fair way to look at it, as dead-wood is not very helpful to any organization.

As to the question of permanent location of the Grand Encampment headquarters in Washington City, the Grand Commander thinks that the idea is growing in favor, as indicated by reports which he has received through letters and otherwise.

He also refers to the question being agitated of building a new Masonic Temple in Washington, and gives the names of a Committee appointed to confer with the other bodies relative to the interest of this enterprise.

He also recommends that Companions of the Red Cross shall be required to procure Templar uniforms before being permitted to receive the orders of the Temple, and the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers approves of this report and recommends its adoption, which was done.

There is no report on correspondence.

R. E. Sir R. W. DARBY,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir A. B. BENNETT,
Grand Recorder.

ENGLAND AND WALES, 1897.

The Great Priory held its Convocation in London, Friday, the 11th of December, 1896.

R. E. Sir W. W. B. Beach, M. P., G. C. T., on the throne.

We take the following from the report of the Council, addressed to the Supreme Grand Master, which we think will interest our fraters at large:

The first subject discussed related to the designation of the Governing Body in each Country—whether it should be called "Great Priory" or "Chapter General." After hearing the views of the Delegates, those from England and Ireland resolved to recommend that the existing name Great Priory and the designations of the Great Officers be retained, and the Delegates from Scotland resolved to recommend to the Chapter General to retain its name and the designation of its Office Bearers.

It was unanimously resolved to recommend to the three Governing Bodies that in future the appointments of Knight Commander and Knight Grand Cross should be made by, and the Patent signed by, the Grand Master in each Country, and not by the Sovereign of the United Orders.

It was explained by the Scottish Delegates that under their Constitutions there existed the Grade of Knights Companion, which was conferred by the Grand Master; and on the Patent conferring it was emblazoned the Knight's Coat of Arms. In England and Ireland there was no such grade, although it was explained there was a ceremony of Installation of Preceptors, and that only those who had been actual Preceptors could be created Knights Commander. The Scottish Delegates further explained that in Scotland the Order was considered purely Chivalric, and that it had no connection with Freemasonry, except that for the reasons explained in the Constitutions, no one could be admitted to the Order who was not a Royal Arch Mason, and that they were not prepared to recommend any change on these grades, which are (1) Novice-Esquire, (2) Knight Templar, (3) Knight Companion, (4) Knight Commander, and (5) Knight Grand Cross; Knights Commander and Grand Cross being invested by the Grand Master or Presiding Officer. It was resolved that each Governing Body should be recommended to retain its present grades and modes of Investiture.

The next subject of discussion was the number required to petition for a Charter for a Preceptory or Priory. In England and Ireland the number required was seven; in Scotland eleven. In England a Preceptory could be opened by the Preceptor and four Knights. In Scotland a Priory to be opened required nine, unless a Member of Grand Council were present, in which case four others were required. After some discussion, the Scottish

Delegates resolved to recommend to their Chapter General to adopt the same rule, and to allow a Priory to be opened by seven, or five, if one of them was a Member of Grand Council.

The Grand Master, in his address, asked especial attention to a cordial vote of thanks to those fraters who had taken the trouble to come from Ireland and Scotland, to visit this Conclave, and offered them a hearty and fraternal welcome.

The Council recommended that an address be presented to Her Majesty, The Queen, the Royal Patron of the Order of the Temple, congratulating her on the sixtieth anniversary of her glorious and benignant reign.

There is no report on correspondence.

FLORIDA, 1897.

The Third Annual Conclave was held in Jacksonville, May 13, 1897.

R. E. Sir W. P. Webster, Grand Commander.

The proceedings are very short, we suppose corresponding somewhat to the age of the Grand Commandery of Florida, and we find nothing of general interest to the Order to report.

The Grand Commander makes a good report of his doings for the year, but nothing of special interest recorded.

No report on correspondence.

R. E. Sir J. W. BOYD, Bartow,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir W. A. McLEAN, Jacksonville,
Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 10; total Membership, 1719.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Conclave was held in Rome, May 12, 1897.

R. E. Sir W. H. Fleming, Grand Commander:

The Grand Commander presents a very able and interesting report. We quote an extract from his opening, which speaks for itself, and proves that the Grand Commander is in favor of a somewhat radical innovation. We submit without comment:

"I would earnestly impress upon every Commandery in our jurisdiction the great benefit to Templarism generally in having our Orders conferred in a proficient and impressive manner. I do not underrate the importance of a knowledge of the military tactics and sword exercise, etc., but these things are not of equal worth with fine ritualistic work. Our ceremonials are capable of splendid dramatic effect, limited only by the capacity of the actors, and the fitness of the Asylum appointments. The Red Cross and Temple Order, in the hands of acknowledged tragedians, and with appropriate scenery and costumes, would hold, with intense interest, any intelligent audience in any theatre in the land.

"In view of the frequent changes in the personnel of the officers of the Commanderies at our annual elections, I am not sure but that it would be a step in advance if each Commandery would select its very best material for its ritualistic work; drill each man thoroughly in his part, and have all Orders conferred by this special working force without the intervention of inexperienced men, who may happen at the time to fill the several offices. If such a plan were inaugurated, of course a reasonable number of alternates would have to be provided and trained, in order to prevent delays by unforseen absences.

We quote one of his items, with which we can heartily agree, at least in the optional part of same. It is our opinion that when a Knight Templar commits an offense against Masonry while on parade as a Knight Templar, that it is the duty of his Commandery to discipline him, and that just as soon as possible after the parade is over. This not only for his benefit, but for the benefit of the members of the Order at large, and the preservation of our reputation before the world. We cannot be too careful of the actions of our members, for by such are we judged.

"4. A Knight Templar who commits an offense against Masonry while on parade as a Knight Templar, may be tried either in the Blue Lodge or in the Commandery, preferable in the Commandery. But jurisdiction should be yielded to the authority first taking cognizance of his act by beginning an official trial.

A very curious case is reported, namely: A Companion made application for orders in a Georgia Commandery, was balloted upon, a test ballot taken, both times unfavorable. It was afterwards learned that the Companion did not reside in the jurisdiction of that Commandery, although the application had been made in good faith, believing such to be the case. He then applied to the other Commandery in the jurisdiction, he was elected, and the Grand Commander was asked whether they should confer the orders upon him. He replied in the affirmative, although saying at the same time that he did not like to do so, butinas much as there seemed to be no opposition to the Companion's entrance into the Order, he felt, under the circumstances, that it was the proper thing to do, as the nearest Commandery was the only one having jurisdiction over him.

The Grand Commander was certainly right in his action, although the Commandery first receiving his petition ought to have known whether he was in their jurisdiction before passing upon him, or before balloting upon his petition.

A most able address was delivered before the Grand Commandery, in accordance with its usual custom, from which we are tempted to borrow the opening, and only wish that our readers could have the entire address:

Sir Knights, Ladies and Gentlemen: "I am proud to appear in this enterprising city, before this enlightened audience, as a Knight Templar, one of an order founded in honor of those ancient chivalric heroes, whose valor and virtues we revere, and whose memory is enshrined in our hearts. And in this age of reason, and of what is termed advanced thought, amid all theories upon matters of religion; when man is controlled, not by fanaticism, nor bigotry, nor policy; when professions are the result of conviction, and not induced by fear of papal frown, or hope

of princes' favors ; amid all these surroundings it is my proud boast that as a Mason, I am one of a band of good men who have in all ages preached and practiced those principles that form the basis of religion,

" But prouder still am I to stand in this holy place, as one of many thousands, who, by their vows, are pledged to support and defend with their swords and their lives the truth of the Christian religion. And though the pulpit I occupy is sacred ground, the professions I have made are as high, and deep, and broad, as those of the men of God, who proclaim the efficacy of the spilt blood of the crucified Christ ; and, if I be a worthy Knight, and true to my knightly vows, I profane not this honse of worship when presenting the truth of Templar Masonry, for I serve a mighty King,

" Ask ye, who is the same?
Christ Jesus is his name,
The Lord Sabbaoth's son,
He, and no other one ! "

The report on correspondence is by Roland B. Hall, who always presents a carefully prepared paper, one well worth careful perusal. This is recorded as his Ninth Annual.

Pennsylvania for 1896 receives a most careful review, reference being made to all official acts, decisions, etc., of our Grand Commandery and winds it up by answering our invitation to come and see how glad we would be to see the members at the Grand Encampment, that his strong desire is to come and see, and we say, "so mote it be."

R. E. Sir CHARLES M. WILIE, Macon.
Grand Commander.

E. Sir S. P. HAMILTON, Macon,
Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir ROLAND B. HALL, Macon,
Correspondent.

ILLINOIS, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 67; total membership 9506.

The Forty-first Annual Conclave was held in Chicago, October 26, 1897.

R. E. Sir E. C. Pace, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander presents his annual report showing quite a number of dispensations, and also a very unusual number of decisions. One case brought to his notice was of rather a peculiar nature. A Commandery had decided by vote to observe Ascension Day. In a neighboring town of this Jurisdiction there reside several of its members who decided to hold Easter services on their own account, and to march to church in Templar uniform. The question was asked whether it could be done. The Grand Commander very properly told them nay, not without permission of the Grand Commander, as all parades are prohibited except those for attending funerals and except by permission.

The non-affiliating Lodge and Chapter matter comes up to haunt our friends in Illinois as well as other Jurisdictions, and the Grand Commander makes a decision in that line in accordance with the law.

A rather peculiar case is reported that was brought about by the application for a dispensation for a new Commandery. The nearest Commandery adopted a resolution recommending the new Commandery, but stipulating where its line should run under jurisdiction. The Grand Commander very properly informs the Commandery that it was not in its province to draw lines of jurisdiction—the Grand Encampment arranged that matter for them.

The reports of the Grand Officers of Illinois are all embodied in the printed proceedings, and are very thorough, covering their official acts as inspectors and visitors for the year.

The report on correspondence, as a matter of course, is from our old friend and namesake, General Jno. C. Smith.

The review covers all of the proceeding, or nearly so, Pennsylvania not being represented on account of not being received in time.

In addition to the regular report, our able correspondent and frater gives an account of his winter trip in the tropics, which makes quite an interesting addition to the proceedings.

R. E. Sir J. P. SHERWIN, Chicago,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir G. W. BERNARD, Chicago,
Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir JNO. C. SMITH, Chicago,
Correspondent.

INDIANA, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 38; total membership 3526.

The Forty-third Annual Conclave was held in Anderson, April 21, 1897.

R. E. Sir Winfield T. Durbin, Grand Commander.

In the Grand Commander's address he congratulates the jurisdiction upon the prosperity of the past year. He says that no disturbance of any character has reached his ears, and notwithstanding the wide-spread depression in business affairs and the national campaign through which we have passed, and which has occupied the attention of more people than ever before, the Grand Commandery made a gain in membership of thirty-three.

In decisions several questions were asked, which were plainly answered by reference to the code of the law. All in all, the Grand Commander presented a very readable and carefully prepared report.

Regarding the Mississippi resolutions, the following was adopted, which shows that Indiana is not in line with the spirit of the same.

ON MISSISSIPPI RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the circular from the Grand Commandery of Mississippi, which recommends the abridgement of the constitutional and legislative powers of the Grand Encampment, respectfully report, that the committee believe that the great success of Templary in the United States is greatly due to the National organization, which has created a uniform law for the regulation of the constitutional and statutory rights of Knights Templar, in every jurisdiction of the United States.

Under the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, every State Commandery has such representation in the National organizational as will enable it to take part in any legislation that may be necessary to protect the rights of Grand Commanderies, Subordinate Commanderies, or of individual Knights Templar, or promote the general prosperity of the Order.

Your committee courteously report that in their opinion the proposition from the Grand Commandery of Mississippi should not be adopted.

The report on correspondence is from the pen of that able writer, Nicholas R. Ruckle, P. G. C., and like all his reports,

is carefully prepared. Pennsylvania for 1896 has Knightly attention. Like several others, he finds fault with our proceedings, on account of the character of the printing. We agree with him heartily. He also enters into a slight criticism on the remarks we made respecting the Triennial at Boston, but we forgive him. Every fellow has a right to his own view.

R. E. Sir J. E. REDMOND, Logansport,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir W. H. SMYTHE, Indianapolis,
Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir NICHOLAS R. RUCKLE, Indianapolis,
Correspondent.

IOWA, 1897.

Number of Commandries, 56; total membership 4,434.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Conclave was held in Templar Park, Spirit Lake, July 13, 1897.

R. E. Sir T. R. Ercanbrack, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander reports everything harmonious in the jurisdiction, so much so that he was not called upon to make a decision. Dispensations were few and far between. Nothing of vital importance has occured in the jurisdiction during the past year, for which we were very sorry, as we hunted carefully for something to write about that would interest fraters at large. However, it is an old saying that "No news is good news" so our friends of Iowa can congratulate themselves on this at any rate.

The report on correspondence is by our frater, J. C. W. Coxe. In his opening he refers to the question which has been raised by some, as to whether it pays to have a Committee on Correspondence, and to publish its report. Brother Coxe thinks it does, and gives very good reasons for thinking so.

Well, we certainly think that the reports are not used as much as they should be. At the same time, there are many new representatives coming upon the field of action every year, being elected to the office of Grand Commander or the other subordinate to that office, who have had little or no experience in Commandery or Grand Commandery work, especially the latter, and consequently must find the reports of the various correspondents of benefit in seeking for light.

At any rate, we must say that some of the proceedings that come to our hands would be illy worth persual, were it not for the report on correspondence, which furnishes the spice, and this is but natural. Inasmuch as the work of the Grand Commanderies is largely routine, it is seldom that any one Grand Commandery can furnish anything of interest enough to write a book about; but the culling from all of the

various proceedings forms a volume that is certainly interesting as well as instructive to those who are seeking in that direction.

R. E. Sir F. H. LORING, Waterloo,
Grand Commander.

E. S. ALFRED WINGATE, Des Moines,
Grand Recorder.

E. Sir J. C. W. COXE, Washington,
Correspondent.

KANSAS, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 46; total membership, 3234.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Conclave was held in Junction City, May 11, 1897.

R. E. Sir W. C. Holmes, Grand Commander.

In decisions we find the following, namely; That it would be legal to take as Eminent Commander, one who has moved out of the State and continues to live out of the State, but the Commander thinks it would be improper and unworthy the office.

By reference to the Code of Law, we find Title XXLII, Section 9, anwers this question very emphatically, and says that such action would not be legal.

Another decision, which we must take exceptions to, is as follows: The petition of an applicant for orders read by the Recorder; a motion was made and seconded, and it was referred to the usual committee. Here objections were made, and the whole thing withdrawn. The Grand Commander decided that the withdrawal of the whole matter carried with it everything pertaining to it. Wrong again, Grand Commander. By reference to Title XLV, Section 10, we find the following, which fully covers and governs this case:

> "When a petition has been presented to a Commandery, it cannot be withdrawn unless it shall appear that the Commandery has no jurisdiction over the petitioner."

The report on correspondence is by A. M. Callahan. Pennsylvania receives a full and courteous reference, covering nearly seven pages, for which we extend thanks of the Keystone Jurisdiction.

He refers to the healing process, and the requiring the Commandery to do the work over again when there was an irregularity in conferring orders, and says "all of which looks strange to us." Inasmuch as we heartily agree with the correspondent in this matter, and have referred to it frequently before, we pass it by.

He culls quite liberally from Grand Commander Yohe's

inaugural address, and calls them "beautiful gems." So on behalf of Sir Samuel we return thanks again.

In quoting from our reference in a former report about the report of the Grand Commander of Missouri, on the question of appealing to the Grand Encampment, and that we did not have the time to wade through the able report, he says that we did not know what we missed or lost by not carefully reviewing what the Grand Commander had to say. Right you are, my brother. We have no doubt that we lost something, because we know that the paper was carefully prepared and the question ably argued, but what we meant was we could not study it sufficiently to digest its legal and technical points, and inasmuch as we were not so directly interested as were our fraters of the far West, we simply culled it in order to get the kernel.

He makes quite a full explanation regarding the question of borrowing a number of members of a Commandery in Kansas, in order to enable them to constitute a new Commandery, the members to be returned afterwards. His explanation is accepted, and yet we cannot agree with the idea involved in the question which arose in the former proceedings. But, altogether, we thank the frater for his kind reference and careful attention to our proceedings.

After closing his review, he ends up with a topical department, taking up the various topics which have been discussed during the year, and condenses under these heads comments of the various correspondents. It is well done, shows careful study and bears investigation.

R. E. Sir W. E. CHAFFEE, Topeka.

Grand Commander.

E. Sir A. M. CALLAHAN,

Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

KENTUCKY, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 25; total membership, 2020.

The Fiftieth Annual Conclave was held in Hopkinsville, May 19, 1897.

R. E. Sir R. H. Thompson, Grand Commander.

The office of public worship was observed in accordance with the custom of Kentucky, the sermon being preached by the Grand Prelate, Sir Knight John G. Orndorff, who delivered a most able and knightly discourse, and we trust the precepts and principles laid down were taken to heart by the members of the Order in Kentucky. If so, seed was well sown.

In the Grand Commander's report he refers to a complaint that there had been trouble caused by Masons, who applied for the orders of Knighthood sometime before they had taken the third degree, then rushed through the Chapter in order to get into the Commandery in the shortest possible time. He very properly says that such action lowers the dignity of Knighthood and of the order of the Temple, and should be discountenanced and forbidden—at least that is the tenor of his report—and we certainly think he is right in every respect, and we would go still farther and be in favor of disciplining any person guilty of such acts as those complained of.

He recommends legislation requiring all Companions of the Red Cross to procure uniforms before they can be permitted to take the Orders of the Temple, and that all Knights Templar be compelled to wear the uniforms unless excused by their Commanderies.

The report on correspondence is once more by R. E. Sir Charles R. Woodruff, and is carefully prepared and has been read with interest.

A half-tone likeness of the correspondent is given in the proceedings, and we feel like saying " Howdy " to same.

Pennsylvania received Knightly attention, and he also

refers to the bad set up, or get up, of the type used in publishing our proceedings of 1896, but as we said before, we don't blame him. Nobody was more put out than the correspondent of Pennsylvania, and nobody entered a protest quicker than did he; but we refer with pride to our proceedings of 1897, showing what our new Grand Recorder can do in this line.

He makes quite a lengthy reference on the question as to how Pittsburg is spelled; whether with an H at the tail end or ending with G., and propounds the question to this correspondent; and further says that the question answered by the proceedings of Pennsylvania are about half and half, inasmuch as reference to Pittsburg throughout the proceedings is about evenly divided between the two ways of spelling. Well, as a Pittsburger, and old-timer also, we pronounce in favor of ending with G. We do not think it is necessary to waste ink in adding the additional H. We do not need to say that it is unnecessary to waste our breath, because even if the H is there, it is so silent that it is not recognized except when it is put in printed or written form. It matters little whether you come to Pittsburg ending with G or H in 1898, we won't question your credentials on that account, Brother Woodruff, but will admit you to our hearts and homes, and try and make you see that our way of spelling is the correct one, provided the question of spelling comes up on that occasion.

R. E. Sir E. A. ROBINSON, Maysville,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir L. D. CRONINGER, Covington,
Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir C. R. WOODRUFF, Louisville,
Correspondent.

LOUISIANA, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 4; total membership 320.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Conclave was held in New Orleans, February 12, 1897.

R. E. Sir R. Strong, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander presents his annual report, which is short and to the point. He refers to the queston of those who want to be hurried through. It seem that Companions in the Jurisdiction of Monroe Commandery are slow in making up their minds to apply to become Knights Templar, but when they do, they want the orders quick. In answering the request for dispensation for this purpose, the Grand Commander renders the following decision, and we certainly commend his action in so doing. We never had any sympathy with this hurry-up system in Pennsylvania. We consider it's the other fellows that ought to hurry up, not the Commanderies.

My Dear Sir and Frater—Am in receipt of your favor of January 11, requesting dispensation to ballot and confer the orders on Comps. McAllister and Baird. I received the request of Recorder Norris, in regard to dispensation of Comp. McAllister, and on January 5 wrote as follows:

"Am in receipt of your favor January 4, asking for dispensation to confer the orders of Knighthood on Comp. J. T. McAllister, of Pollock, La., his petition not having laid over the proper time.

"'I regret to say that I cannot consistently do this. I think we should follow the edicts, rules and regulations laid down by our illustrious predecessors, so far as it can be done consistently, and I do not think that its being inconvenient for Comp. McAllister to be present at the proper time sufficient reason for issuing a dispensation.

"'On Comp. McAllister is the honor conferred, not on Monroe Commandery, and he should arrange his time to suit the Commandery.'

"'For the same reason mentioned in my favor of January 5 I cannot consistently grant this dispensation.

"It is frequently the case that a Companion will take years to decide that he wants to be a Knight Templar, and in a great many instances he wants his orders instanter.

"I hope that my decisions in these cases will not put Monroe Commandery or Comp. McAllister and Baird to any inconvenience.

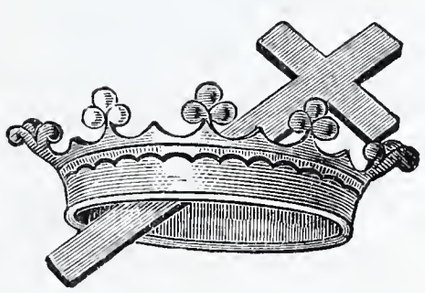
Regarding the question of uniforms, the Grand Commander announces that, owing to the sickness of the Chairman on Uniforms, it had been overlooked, and suggested that it again be referred to a special Committee, to be reported on at the next Conclave.

We have a little report on correspondence in the form of a general abstract of thought, and not of review—we might say rather of a topical nature than otherwise. It is short and sweet, and is signed by J. Q. A. Fellows and Richard Lambert.

R. E. Sir ROBT. STRONG,
Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir RICHARD LAMBERT,
Grand Recorder.

P. G. Commanders { J. Q. A. FELLOWS,
R. LAMBERT,
Correspondents.



MAINE, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 19; total membership, 3153.

The Forty-sixth Annual Conclave was held in Portland. May 6, 1897.

R. E. Sir A. E. Chase, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander presents a most readable report, giving an account of his official visitations and decisions. The first question asked, "How long does an objection made to the Eminent Commander against a candidate whose petition has been accepted by ballot hold good?" The Grand Commander decided that such objection when announced and entered upon the minutes, stood the same as a rejection by ballot, consequently had no limit; but should the Eminent Commander not make the announcement in open Commandery, the matter remains under the control of the Eminent Commander until the objection is withdrawn, or the objection is announced, and farther, the grand Commander says, that no Eminent Commander should go out of the office leaving any candidate in the position stated, and we certainly think the Grand Commander is right.

The report on correspondence is signed by Sir Knights Berry, Drummond and Burnhand. Pennsylvania is reviewed by either Sir Knight who had it in charge, and he refers especially to our reference to the delay in starting the parade in Boston and the keeping of the Sir Knights on their feet for so long a time, and thinks it may serve as a hint to Pittsburg. Well, we would just state in addition to what we have already remarked on the subject, that we ourselves have tried this matter in Pennsylvania by having an hour and a minute to start, but start the procession on time, and we have found just as you do in Maine, that when eleven o'clock means eleven o'clock, that they will be in place. If not, it is not fair to cause the others who are ready to wait for the laggards Start 'er up, and let the others fall in line where they can.

He criticises our last year's method of having our report so printed that he could not tell the quotations from the original remarks. We certainly agree with him in that, and he will find it all corrected in our 1897 report. It was our printer's fault, not ours.

R. E. Sir F. H. TWITCHELL, Bath,

Grand Commander

E. Sir STEPHEN BERRY, Portland,

Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

MARYLAND, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 12; total membership, 1197.

A special Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Maryland was held April 19, 1897, in accordance with their usual custom, for the purpose of installing the officers elected of the Subordinate Commanderies.

The Annual Conclave was held in Baltimore, November 23, 1897.

R. E. Sir George Cook, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander presented an able report, and one of the first matters referred to in same is the question of uniform, which has been agitating our fraters of Maryland for some years past. It appears that they have had no regulation requiring members to be uniformed, consequently there are many who go into the Order and who never purchase uniforms at all and therefore do not assist at any of the ceremonies where the regalia is required. The Grand Commandery took this matter up, and passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, (1st) That no Companion of the Red Cross shall after January 1, 1898, be DUBBED until he shall have been fully uniformed as a Knight Templar.

Resolved, (2d) That a Military Overcoat or Cloak for use in inclement weather be adopted as part of the Templar uniform of this Jurisdiction, and that a committee be appointed with full powers to decide upon the style of same.

This will no doubt correct the fault referred to. We do it a little differently in this section of Pennsylvania, namely, the Subordinate Commanderies charge the initiate a fixed sum and furnish him a uniform in connection with his initiation. This necessitates a supply of the uniform, and makes them in general character alike.

We also note the adoption of the resolution on cloak or military overcoat, and have often thought it was one of the foolish customs of the Order to think that it was essential that the living Sir Knights should risk their lives and health, in order to pay tribute to the memory of the dead. We recom-

mend for the careful consideration of all persons who have ever advocated such an idea, the remarks of the Grand Commander of Maryland on the subject:

MILITARY CLOAK.

I would also recommend the adoption of a military overcoat or cloak for use during inclement weather and in the winter season, as you all know that our present uniform is entirely inadequate and unsuited for extremely cold weather. I feel that we have no right to risk our lives and health in attending the funerals of our deceased Fraters, thereby increasing the responsbilities of our Order to our families, and inviting death and disaster in our ranks, which would not be the condition if we guarded against it by taking proper precaution.

The Grand Commander was not required to make any decisions, stating that all matters presented were simply questions of law, answered by the Code of Statutes, to which he referred the inquiring parties.

A reference is made in the Grand Commander's address to something that, while we do not exactly understand the cause of complaint the reference explains it to some extent: He says he desires to protest against remarks made in the Blue Lodge, referring in a slurring manner to Templars or Masons of the Higher Degrees, and calls attention to the fact that Templars consider themselves legitimate members of the Great Masonic Family, and that they should not be referred to in this manner, and enters a solemn and earnest protest against any such reference. He also says that he has never yet, in all his active service in Templar Masonry, heard one slighting word or reference made to Blue Lodge Masons by any Templar, as they always consider themselves brethren of the same family.

The report on correspondence is again by the Past Grand Commander, F. J. S. Gorgas, and shows a careful perusal and review of the proceedings of the various Grand Commanderies. In fact, we have never seen anything come from the hands of Brother Gorgas yet that was not well worthy of careful perusal. Pennsylvania receives careful and knightly attention at his hands. This is recorded as Brother Gorgas'

21st Annual Report, and also emphasized as his last. One thing we are certain of, and that is, that his retirement from office while merited by his great number of years in the service, at the same time will be regretted by not only his fellow-correspondents throughout the reportorial corps, but also by the fraternity at large. The members of the Guild seating themselves to review the various proceedings, while they meet in thought, yet they will miss him. We can only hope and wish and pray that he may be long spared to the fraternity which he has served so able and so well.

R. E. Sir THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, Baltimore,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir J. H. MILLER, Baltimore,
Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir E. T. SHUTZ, Baltimore,
Correspondent.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 46; total membership, 12,313.

A special Conclave was held in Boston, April 12, 1897, also June 24, 1897; and the Ninety-first Annual Conclave was held in Boston, October 28, 1897.

R. E. Sir Wm. R. Walker, presiding.

In the Grand Commander's report we find reference to rather a queer case. After a ballot, a protest was made to the Recorder by one or more members of Subordinate Commandery against an applicant announced as elected, stating that when the ballot box passed them, they could find no cubes, consequently supposed they had all been thrown against the candidate, so that they wished to have their protest entered.

The question of jurisdiction between the Subordinate Commanderies still agitates our fraters of the far East, and the Committee, to whom was referred the case in point, made a report that they could not settle the question of dispute accurately, as there were so many side issues involved, such as distance by rail, accessibility, etc., and that they did not fully decide in having a special map made for the purpose.

From the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, we cull the following. After discussing the question of life membership in its different phases, its advisability, etc., they present the following as a summing up of their finding, with recommendations attached thereto:

In addition to all life membership fees there should in the opinion of the committee, be allotted to such fund a certain portion of the fee derived from each successful candidate for the Orders and thus the fund would have an assured growth aside from its natural accumulation.

The rate of interest now obtainable is much less than when these life memberships were established and while ten years dues at that time might have been an equitable basis on which to commence the system, it would at present be insufficient and in the opinion of the Committee ought to be the amount of fifteen years dues at least; that, at going rates would not produce an annual amount equal to one year's dues but if invested would continue its work after the member had passed on.

It seems to the Committee, that in view of the importance of the subject Grand Commandery ought to legislate thereon to the extent at least of requiring :

First. That life membership fees when established shall be fixed at a sum equal at least to the amount of fifteen times the sum required as annual dues and in no case to be less than fifty dollars.

Second. That the money received for life memberships shall be invested in the name of the Commandery and the management and investment of the same be placed in the care of a Board of Trustees who shall be chosen by the Commandery in Annual Conclave and annually make report to the Commandery of the condition and amount of the fund and how the same is invested.

Third. That nothing but the income of the fund shall be used for any purpose whatever unless by two-thirds vote of the Commandery after motion in writing to that effect shall have been made and continued one month with order of notice.

Fourth. That one-tenth of the fees paid by each successful candidate for the orders be allotted and paid into such permanent fund.

We certainly agree with the Committee in the above, and particularly as we have gone through the matter in Pennsylvania, and are satisfied that any other course than that recommended would bankrupt one-half of the Commanderies in the state, as Commandery expenses are heavy. The Grand Commandery approved of this amendment, and it was issued to the fraters as a guide for the future.

Under the head of recommendations by the Grand Commander, we find the following:

The Commandery issues a printed notice, stating that the Order of the Red Cross will be conferred upon Companion————, if elected, and this before a favorable or unfavorable report has been received from the committee to whom his petition from the Order was referred, or a ballot taken upon the application. And, still further, the applicant for the Order is either brought into the waiting room of the Commandery, or held in waiting at some convenient place where he can be brought into the Commandery, without loss of time.

Is it not a pertinent question to ask, What right has any Sir Knight to anticipate either the report of a committee, or the result of the ballot upon the name of the applicant? Suppose the ballot is found to be against the admission of the applicant, as it sometimes is, what then? The Eminent Commander is under the necessity of directing the Recorder (who was not the one who brought the applicant there) to retire and inform the applicant that his petition is rejected. Truly is not this an uncomfortable and un-

dignified position for a Commandery of Knights Templars? Should not all applicants for the Orders receive their notice to present themselves for initiation from the Recorder and, in writing, and from him only?

Again, suppose for instance, the ballot is clear, and some Sir Knight of the Commandery unable to to be present at the Conclave, either from sickness or business, or for any other reason, has information which in his judgment renders the applicant an improper person to receive the Orders, is he not practically prevented from entering his protest when such undue haste is taken by the Commandery?

There are but few instances where Companions elected and entitled to receive the Orders cannot wait a reasonable time until a regular, or special Conclave, if need be, of the Commandery, and when such action is actually necessary, and good and sufficient reason is shown therefor, let it be through a dispensation from the Grand Commander.

Feeling as I do in relation to this matter, not only from reports received, but from personal knowledge, I cannot refrain from recommending that some action be taken by this Grand Commandery prohibiting any communication between a Sir Knight member of a Commandery of Knights Templars and an applicant for the orders, except by written communication from the Recorder, after the name of the applicant has been balloted upon. And that no Companion can receive the Order of the Red Cross at the same Conclave at which his application was balloted upon, except it be upon a dispensation from the Grand Commander, issued after satisfying himself that there are good and sufficient reasons therefor.

Massachusetts and Rhode Island go a step farther than any other Jurisdiction of which we have heard in the past, by presenting us with two pages giving the photographs of the representatives near the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. In this list we notice quite a number of familiar faces.

The report on correspondence is again signed by Henry W. Rugg and Thos. E. St. John, and is carefully prepared, and is only incomplete in that we miss the report from Pennsylvania. This we guess is our fault rather than our fraters, so we can say nothing.

R. E. Sir WALTER CUTTING, Pittsfield, Mass.,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir B. W. ROWELL, Lynn, Mass ,
Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir Henry W. RUGG, Providence, R. I.,
Correspondent.

MICHIGAN, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 46; total membership 5523.

The Forty-first Annual Conclave was held in Detroit, May 18, 1897.

R. E. Sir Edward D. Wheeler, Grand Commander.

The proceedings, as usual, when they come from the able Grand Recorder of Michigan, are gotton up regardless of cost, and in the best taste and style, and the book is something of which the Grand Commandery of Michigan may be proud.

The report of the Grand Commander is carefully prepared, presenting all his various general orders during the year, and also a number of decisions.

The first question asked the Grand Commander was, whether it was customary when a Red Cross Knight who had changed his place of residence and had the order of the Temple conferred upon him by another Commandery for division of fees. If so, in what proportion? The Grand Commander answers, that he knows of no law to govern such custom, and very properly adds, that it is done as a matter of courtesy, and the Commandery acting for the other in conferring the order, should not ask for any remuneration.

We certainly agree with the Grand Commander in this opinion, and think that any Commandery that would accept any part of the fees simply for conferring the orders at the request of another Commandery, would belittle itself in so doing.

Another question asked the Grand Commander was, as to whether a subordinate Commandery in Michigan can receive and act upon a petition of a Companion who spends all his time traveling on the road, and claims to have no residence, although his family resides in New York.

The Grand Commander answers "No, he must claim a residence somewhere, and where more properly than with his family. He is the material of the Commandery in whose jurisdiction his family resides." Right again, Grand Commander.

As we have remarked in former reports, we think it is certainly very strange that any man can really claim to have no place which could be called his home. We have heard of the "man without a country" and we believe there are some "weary Willies" that have no home, but a man worthy to advance in the order of Knighthood should have some place where he hangs up his hat and claims residence.

A large number of dispensations were granted, most of them for public parade.

Reference is made to another matter, which might interest some other Jurisdiction, namely, the following:

SUMMONS.

I find some Commanderies have drifted into the habit of using the Summons on ordinary occasions A summons should only be issued when it is imperative to have *all the members so summoned* present. Because too free use of the power tends to bring it into contempt and if persisted in wholly loses its effect I am pleased to say that in all cases when I have called attention to this matter the practice has been discontinued.

An entertainment of more than ordinary interest was participated in by the fraters of Michigan in the Asylum of Detroit and Damascus Commanderies, when, in addition to other interesting features, Jno. C. Smith, Past Grand Commander of Illinois, responded to the toast on "Templar Correspondence," and after speaking to that for awhile, turned into another channel, and on behalf of the Committee appointed by the Grand Encampment, presented to Past Grand Master McCurdy an appropriate jewel. in commemoration of his retirement from office. Past Grand Master McCurdy responded in well chosen words.

The report on correspondence is again by frater Jno. A. Gerow, and that is enough to say that it is well done. It is recorded as his fourth annual, and we have had great pleasure in persuing it. He gives Pennsylvania no less than 11 pages of most earnest review, for which, on behalf of our Grand Commandery, we return our hearty thanks, as well as for his kind words for our own report on correspondence.

In speaking of the reference to certain events at the Grand Encampment of Boston, he lines up by saying, our views are exactly after his own heart, and we say thanks again. We earnestly wish we could go through his report and give a careful review of the report itself, but time, and pressure of other duties connected with the next Grand Encampment, warn us that we must be brief and get through with this work, as the time is fast approaching for the meeting of our own Grand Commandery, when this report must be handed in. So in spirit, if not in reality, we once more shake hands with our friend and frater Gerow, and say "Well done."

R. E. Sir ALBERT STILES, Jackson,
Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir JOHN A. GEROW, P. G. C., Detroit,
Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

MINNESOTA, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 25; total membership, 2448.

The Thirty-second Annual Conclave was held in Minneapolis, June 24, 1897.

R. E. Sir J. H. Randall, Grand Commander.

A few dispensations are reported, but no decisions, and a most careful record of official visitations is given.

Matters Templar are working harmoniously in Minnesota, consequently we can find nothing to criticies in the proceedings of that Grand Commandery.

The report on correspondence is once more by R. E. Sir Thomas Montgomery, and is his eighth Annual.

The likeness of the worthy correspondent is also furnished in the proceedings, looking upon which makes us hope to have the pleasure of looking upon the original in '98.

Pennsylvania receives knightly attention on the part of Brother Montgomery, and he fully agrees with our views on the liquor question.

R. E. Sir B. F. FARMER, Spring Valley,
Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir THOS. MONTGOMERY, St. Paul,
Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

MISSOURI, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 58; total membership, 4237.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Conclave was held in St. Louis, April 20, 1897.

R. E. Sir Ira V. McMillan, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander's report covers an account not only of his official acts, but a general review of matters Templar throughout the Jurisdiction and country. He granted a number of dispensations, most of them being to appear in public or to hold special elections. He does not agree with the idea of balloting out of time being essential to Templar success, and consequently had to refuse a number of applications for dispensations in that direction. He refused a dispensation to permit one of his subordinate Commanderies to ballot and confer the orders upon a member of the United States Army, who claimed to have no home, in any one Jurisdiction, on account of his official position in the army; and the Grand Commandery recommends that Missouri adopt a law for rules similar to that in some other Jurisdictions, permitting acceptance of petitions from such applicants, all of which we would think very proper and correct under the circumstances.

One question came up in his decision, namely: Does the payment of a fixed sum running back through a series of years cover the intent of the payment of a fixed sum in the Statute to a Grand Commandery to constitute life membership.

Said Commandery has the following By-Law: "Section 85. That any member after paying $75 in dues, to this or any other Commandery, shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues, and shall be a life member." I held that this By-Law is a compliance with the law of Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery of Missouri; that it is a fixed sum, and the Sir Knight is exempt. Said Section 85 is an exact copy of Section 9, Title 38, Code of Statutes and Digest of Templar Law, Grand Encampment of the United States, page 264, Proceedings, 1889.

With this decision the Committee on Jurisprudence very properly took exceptions and disapproves of same, as witness the following from their report:

"With reference to decision No. 3, we recommend that the same be not approved ; and are of the opinion that the plan of life membership by payment of a fixed sum, heretofore approved by the Grand Encampment, contemplated a payment in advance of such fixed sum, so that the Body to which it was paid might, by investing the same, get annually in the future from such sum an equivalent by way of income equal, or nearly so, to the annual dues ; and that it also contemplated a burden resting upon the Commandery granting such life membership, to take care of the future annual dues of the member should he, in the future affiliate with some other Commandery.

The report on correspondence is from the pen of E. Sir Wm. H. Mayo, who always writes well, and is recorded as his twentieth annual.

Pennsylvania for 1896 receives favorable mention, and as no faults are therein found of the actions of our Grand Commandery, we can only return our thanks for same.

R. E. Sir JOHN GILLINS, Monett,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir WM. H. MAYO, St. Louis,
Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

MONTANA, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 8; total membership 366.

The Tenth Annual Conclave was held in Helena, September 13, 1897.

R. E. Sir Cornelius Hedges, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander presents a most interesting and readable report, and we look for such, especially, inasmuch as he has taken such a prominent part on the Palestine Protectorate question, and after having read Brother Hedges various reports on correspondence for years past, we know full well what to expect in his annual report as Grand Commander of his Grand Commandery.

He made a number of official visitations, and referring to the Triennial, says the following:

> We should either appoint a committee on Triennial arrangments at this Conclave, or leave it for the Grand Commander to appoint such committee when it is ascertained who will be in attendance. Perhaps if times improve many Sir Knights will desire to attend and join in the parade. We would do or say nothing to discourage such, but would not expend our general funds for that purpose. It would yield us much more satisfaction to have a general meeting of all our own Commanderies in the year following the Triennial, or perhaps for the year 1900, by which time we may reasonably expect to have our old-time prosperity back with us. It is not too long ahead to be preparing and for our several Commanderies to begin out-door drill.

We have no fault to find with the suggestions and recommendations of the Grand Commander, and we do hope there will be quite a delegation from Montana come to Pittsburg in 1898, and especially do we hope to meet with Brother Hedges.

A most excellent address is reported in full, having been delivered by Grand Commander Hedges December 25, 1896, as also an excellent sermon by the Grand Prelate, Rev. Sir J. F. Pritchard, September 12, 1897. Both of these are well worth preservation, and we should like to cull from them if our space would permit it, which it will not on this occasion.

As some at least will take the trouble to read the annual proceedings, and correspondence accompanying same, they

will remember that the time Brother Hedges was elected Grand Commander, he was requested by resolution to appoint himself Correspondent, so we can suppose the report is again from his pen. In fact, we would know it by the conclusion if not by anything else, as the ear-marks are plainly visible. It is a good report, and we have read it with interest, but it is not perfect; Pennsylvania is not in it, for which we are sorry.

R. E. Sir W. E. CHAMBERLAIN,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir E. D. NEILL,
Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir CORNELIUS HEDGES,
Correspondent.

NEBRASKA, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 23; total membership, 1679.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Conclave was held in Lincoln, April 29, 1897.

R. E. Sir R. P. R. Miller, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander, in opening his address, calls attention to the fact that the last year having followed three years of crop failures, has not been one of prosperity. He congratulates the Order in that section that the past year is one blessed with abundant crops, and says if the trying times through which we have passed should have the effect of more closely cementing us together, and bring forth the grand characteristics of our magnificent and noble Order.

Among the decisions reported is that of a member elected as Junior Warden. He afterwards made application to keep a dram shop, and was openly running a saloon. The Grand Commander decided that inasmuch as charges would be preferred against him in the Blue Lodge, it was the duty of the Commander to suspend his installation pending trial, and if found guilty, to declare the office vacant, and ask for a dispensation to elect a successor and install, and we say Amen.

He also calls attention to a decision of Grand Master Hugh McCurdy, that an applicant who has been elected to receive the orders, and after having received due notice of same, must present himself within one year or stand a new ballot.

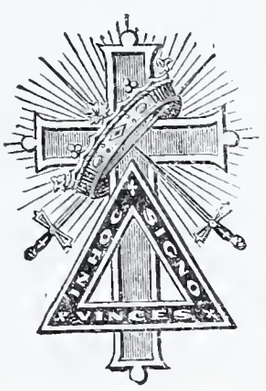
Another question, summons was issued against Sir Knights who were in arrears in their Commandery. Two of them were suspended for non-payment of dues, and afterwards the Captain General was ordered to prefer charges against them for not obeying the summons The Grand Commander very properly held that inasmuch as they were suspended for the same offense, they could not undergo punishment twice for the same offense. With this decision the Committee, to whom was referred the decisions of the Commander, differed, and recommended that it be not approved

as, in their opinion, the Commandery had a right to prefer charges and try a Sir Knight for not obeying the summons, even if he had already been suspended for non-payment of dues in the Commandery. This report of the Committee was approved, thus reversing the decision of the Grand Commander.

No report on correspondence.

R. E. Sir EDWIN C. WEBSTER, Hastings,
Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir W. R. BOWEN, Omaha,
Grand Recorder.



NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 11 ; Total membership, 2,115.

The Annual Conclave was held in Concord, September 28, 1897.

R. E. Sir John Hatch, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander presents a most able report, from which we are prompted to cull several interesting items, which we commend to the attention of our fraters at large.

The first reference is made to the apparent lack of interest of the Grand Officers in not offering assistance to the Grand Commander in making his official visitations. This certainly is not as it should be :

"It is to be regretted that more of the active officers of the Grand Commandery do not accompany the Grand Commander on his official visits, for it not only makes the occasion more impressive and of greater importance, but it shows an active interest in the institution on the part of the Grand Officers themselves that must be of benefit to the members of the various Commanderies, as well as increasing their own acquaintance with the brotherhood and familiarizing themselves with the duties of their office. The Grand Commander is also entitled to have the company and support of his officers in his inspection of the Commanderies and in the discovery and correction of any errors that may exist through inadvertance or ignorance, which might readily escape his attention when alone."

The second reference which we quote will explain itself:

"The practice of asking permission of the Grand Commander of a neighboring jurisdiction for a Commandery to enter or pass through his territory, has, in some of the correspondence with my esteemed fraters of adjoining states, been criticised as a useless piece of red tape ; but it is a formality, which, if of no great value in itself, is certainly of no harm in this bustling age when acts of courtesy and politeness are apt to be forgotten. The custom is observed with scrupulous care by our fraters in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The third was a request for permission to elect an Eminent Commander and Prelate to fill vacancies occurring in Subordinate Commanderies. This the Grand Commander very properly declined to do, calling attention to the law that the Generalissimo assumed the duties of Grand Com-

mander, and the Commander's prerogative was to appoint a Prelate.

The next matter of interest is one that is so largely governed by Blue Lodge usage that it has become a matter of adoption by the Commanderies, and although the reference to it is long, considering it interesting reading matter in its bearing on this subject, we give it in full:

"1st. Can a candidate who has a stiff leg receive the Temple degrees? 2nd. If the application of said candidate has been received by the Commandery and referred to a committee, could it be withdrawn without action being taken if he was found ineligible on account of his deformity?

To which I replied that it is the duty of a committee to whom a petition for the orders of knighthood has been referred to inquire not only into the moral character of the applicant, but into his mental and physical qualifications as well. By Title 48, Section 1, of the Code of Statutes, 1889, the Commander and the members of the Commandery are made the judges of the petitioner's eligibility; and the subject comes properly and naturally before them upon the presentation of the committee's report. The candidate must be able to give all the signs, not only in the preceding degrees, but must be capable of giving those of the Commandery and of properly taking part in the requisite ceremonies. Section 2 of the same Title lays down the rule that the Commandery should be more exacting in this respect than the Lodge or Chapter. The petitioner should be capable of enduring pilgrimage and warfare, and should not by his presence mar the symmetry of a parade. These qualifications, however, are matters of fact, to be determined by the Commandery. Its action should be impartial, its scrutiny faithful; and however harsh or unkind it may seem, the rules should be as firmly applied as in relation to other requisite qualifications. A duty is owed to the Commandery and to the Order at large to see that the candidates for knighthood are of due fitness. Many evils, as we regard them, exist in this world, the reasons for which we fail to understand. Some men suffering from natural deformity are in a measure deprived of the advantages and enjoyments granted to others, and this without our fault and beyond our power to remedy. They must bear their own heavy burden alone until the Creator in His wisdom shows us the reason for these things, and are made perfect in a better world than ours.

In reply to the second question, notwithstanding the ordinary rule of Templar law, that a petition presented to a Commandery cannot be withdrawn, and that an unfavorable report does not dispense with the necessity of a ballot, in the case under consideration, should the Commandery find as a matter of fact, the petitioner was incapable of giving the signs or of passing through all the ceremonies of the Order, or that his presence would mar the symmetry of a parade, the petition should not be further acted

upon. While the statute in question does not expressly provide that the petition in such a case may be dismissed there are certain contingencies where the formality of a ballot would seem to be useless—"The reason and spirit of cases make law, not the letter of particular precedents," said Chief Justice Mansfield—this among the number. For instance, should it appear from the investigation of the committee that the petitioner was not a believer in the Christian religion; or where the report of the committee shows the petitioner has been rejected on a former petition within six months; or that the Commandery has no jurisdiction over the petitioner, a ballot would be entirely futile.

Still another puzzling question comes before the Grand Commander, namely: As to whether a petition should be received and balloted upon and the orders conferred upon an alien residing within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery, but not a citizen of the United States. The Grand Commander says No, that he considers him in the same boat as a sojourner who has no residing place, and therefore has no right to petition as a subject of any Commandery in the United States.

With this decision the Committee on Jurisdiction rather takes exception, and say that they deem it of sufficient importance to take further time, as there is no precedent to govern the case, and they therefore asked that the matter be postponed for further consideration at the next Annual Conclave, which was granted.

The report on correspondence is signed by a familiar correspondent, R. E. Sir A. S. Wait, and although Pennsylvania missed fire here as well as in so many jurisdictions in '97, by reason of our printer getting the proceedings out at such a late season, therefore the review is not complete in that respect; in all others so far as we have observed, it is so, and we commend it to careful perusal of any into whose hands it may come.

R. E. Sir JOHN HATCH, Concord,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir G. P. CLEAVES, Concord,
Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir A. S. WAIT, *Correspondent.*

NEW JERSEY, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 18; total membership 1779.

A special Conclave of the Grand Commandery was held in Trenton, May 10, and the Thirty-ninth Annual Conclave was held in Trenton, May 11, 1897.

R. E. Sir Jno. E. Rowe, Deputy Grand Commander, acting as Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander, in his opening address, refers in a feeling manner to the great sorrow that has fallen upon the Grand Commandery of New Jersey during the past year, by the taking away by death of the Grand Commander R. E. Sir Robert Dingwell.

In the report submitted, the unfinished work of the late Grand Commander was presented. No dispensations or decisions of general interest to the Order were granted or made. Detailed reports are presented and published from the other Grand Officers, giving an account of their actions during the year.

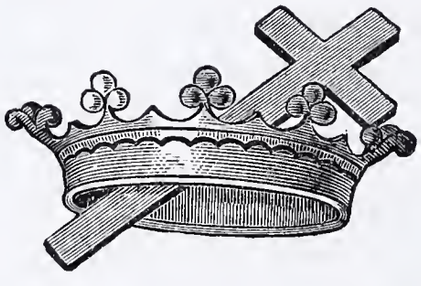
The report on correspondence is signed by Sir Peter McGill, and gives a careful review of the proceedings of the various Grand Commanderies. Pennsylvania receives knightly and courteous attention. For his kind words for our own report, we return our personal thanks. He says: " His reviews were most courteous; no comments calculated to hurt anyone. His opinions are clear, and, when differing, kindly given. " This is exactly in accordance with our view of the privilege of the reporter or reviewer. As we have stated in former reports, we do not see why it should be necessary when differing with a frater, to tell him so in a harsh or hurtful manner. Life is too short to make enemies, especially of those who should be our best friends. We pass this way but once, and we would desire above everything else, when our time has come to leave this pilgrimage behind, that those who have walked with us

and touched elbows in the march through life, should have nothing to say but kind words as to our action and treatment of others.

R. E. Sir JNO. E. ROWE, Newark,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir CHARLES BECHTEL, Trenton,
Grand Recorder.

E. Sir PETER McGILL, Trenton,
Correspondent.



NEW YORK, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 58; total membership, 11,376.

The Forty-fourth Annual Conclave was held in Jamestown, September 14.

R. E. Sir Jno. A. Mapes, Grand Commander.

The Mayor of Jamestown, Hon. Oscar F. Price, delivered a very eloquent address of welcome to the Grand Commandery, which was responded to in an appropriate manner by the Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander's address was carefully prepared, and covers the official acts and shows diligence in office. He speaks of the Order as being harmonious and prosperous in his Jurisdiction.

The question of non-affiliation in Commandery on account of suspension in Lodge or Chapter for non-payment of dues, was brought to the attention of the Grand Commander for official consideration, and the case submitted to the Grand Commandery. It appears that New York has a law of it's own called "Section 87," which refers to this matter, and the different interpretations given to the subject in it's relations to the enactments of the Grand Encampment have caused some misunderstandings for some years past, and the Grand Commander suggests that some amendment be made to Section 87 so that it may be better understood.

The Committee on Jurisprudence offered an amendment to Section 87, making it read as follows:

Section 87. Unaffiliation or suspension for non-payment of dues by Lodge or Chapter :—That fact having been duly certified to the Commandery under the seal of such Lodge or Chapter—shall—after thirty days' notice, and the Knight having failed to reinstate himself in those bodies—deprive a Knight of membership in the Commandery until such unaffiliation or suspension shall cease, or his dues be paid.

It was laid over for one year under the constitution, and we do think shows justice in the wise provision of allowing the Sir Knight a chance to defend his action to his lodge or chapter if he sees fit.

The report on correspondence is from the well-known pen of E. Sir Jesse B. Anthony, and like all his productions, is worthy of careful perusal. We thank him for his kindly notice and free use of our report of '96, and in accordance with our usual custom will borrow some of his most interesting comparative tables, and return thanks to him for the labor saved us by his careful compilation of same.

R. E. Sir ARTHUR MacARTHUR,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir JOHN F. SHAFER,
Grand Recorder.

E. Sir J. E. ANTHONY,
Correspondent.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 12; total membership, 349.

The Seventh Annual Conclave was held at Wilmington, May 11, 1897.

R. E. Sir Wm. Wither, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander presents an able report, covering his official visitations, dispensations, but no decisions; and consequently, although we have perused the report carefully, we can find nothing to either criticise or quote, except that he granted a dispensation to certain Commanderies to assist in "The Story of the Reformation," for the benefit of religious charitable organizations.

The Committee on Jurisprudence could not approve this dispensation, as they said the matter was not Masonic, and we agree with the committee.

The report on correspondence is by E. Sir John C. Chase, covering the proceedings of the various Grand Commanderies in which Pennsylvania is carefully reviewed.

In his reference to our remarks on Carson's Ohio report on Eastern Star Masonry, he seems to think that the Eastern Star still has a hold in Pennsylvania, although he does not say so directly. If such is the condition of affairs, we know it not, as we have not heard of that order in Pennsylvania for many moons However, we do not think it would hurt us, even if it was in existence, although we do not approve of it. We have no objections to others having it, and think it is a most beautiful ritual when properly rendered, and certainly can do no harm anywhere.

R. E. Sir J. H. HACKBURN, Newbern,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir H. H. MUNSON, Wilmington,
Grand Recorder.

E. Sir JOHN C. CHASE, Wilmington,
Correspondent.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 7 ; total membership, 426.

The Eighth Annual Conclave was held at Devil's Lake, July 1, 1897.

R. E. Sir W. T. Perkins, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander reports but two questions being submitted for decision, and both of them are so plainly answered by the code of statutes of the Grand Encampment, that we do not deem it necessary to refer to them at this time.

The Grand Recorder refers to the matter of encouraging members to unite with the Order, and this subject was taken up by the appropriate committee which makes the following recommendation :

"We believe that all reasonable and knightly efforts should be put forth in each of the Subordinate Commanderies to increase the membership, fully agreeing with Grand Recorder Thompson that there is material well fitted for the Illustrious Order of the Temple, and those that each of the Subordinate Commanderies would be proud to welcome as Sir Knights.

The original idea of holding this meeting of the Grand Commandery at Devil's Lake was for the purpose of enthusing interest in Templarism throughout this Grand Jurisdiction by having competitive drills, thus securing a good attendance from each Commandery. Without question, thus far the effort has fallen flat, and, we candidly believe, on account of the unavoidable absence from the State of our Grand Commander, William T. Perkins. Had he been here to make personal inspections, and to enthuse the officers and members of the Subordinate Commanderies, and direct a course to be pursued, we believe the result would have been different.

We, your committee, do most courteously recommend that an encampment and competitive drill be had at the next meeting of this Grand Commandery, believing with proper work they can be made a success.

No report on correspondence.

R. E. Sir JOHN D. BLACK,

Grand Commander.

E. Sir F. J. THOMPSON,

Grand Recorder.

OHIO, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 55; total membership 8,263.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Conclave was held in Toledo, September 8, 1897.

R. E. Sir Barton Smith, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander presents an able address, one of the most prominent features of which are his most worthy reference and report upon the death of Rev. and Sir Thos. J. Melish, the Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Ohio. A special session of the Grand Commandery was held November 14, in order to properly pay respect to the memory of the deceased Grand Prelate.

A few decisions are reported. In Number 2 we find the following: A Commandery cannot delegate to it's Commander the right or power to fix, from time to time, the hour of meeting, and again when an Eminent Commander finds that no quorum assembles at the regular conclave, and declares it postponed, that the Commandery stands adjourned until the next stated Conclave, unless called in special Conclave in regular form in the meantime.

Quite a number of dispensations are reported, fourteen of them to ballot without waiting statutory time.

Ohio has a system of inspectors, who visit the different districts and make written reports which are quite voluminous, and no doubt of value to the Grand Commandery as a matter of record.

The Grand Commandery adopted a resolution which had been recommended to it by the Grand Commandery of Mississippi, which advocates that the organic law of the Grand Encampment should be modeled after that of the General Grand Chapter, and thereby leave things of local concern to the exclusive regulation of the Grand Commanderies. We certainly do not sympathize with this on behalf of Mississippi. If we have a Grand Encampment at all, we do not see why it should be robbed of all its authority and power over the Sub-

ordinate Grand Commanderies a bit more than we think the Congress of the United States should be deprived of its power and rights over the laws of the United States. We would say by all means, if we have a Grand Encampment at all, to let it be a Grand Encampment in action and character as well as in name.

The report on correspondence is once more signed by the able writer, R. E. Sir E. T. Carson, and simply stating that his signature is appended thereto is a guarantee to all as to the character of the work. It is an excellently prepared report, as all his papers are, and bears thorough and careful perusal; but Pennsylvania did not get into line in time, evidently, to be represented, for which we are very sorry, as we always like to know what Brother Enoch thinks of us, but will not lay the blame at present. Our proceedings were so slow in getting through last year, that we have missed representation in many of the proceedings thereby.

R. E. Sir R. V. HAMPSON, Salem,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir J. N. BELL, Dayton,
Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir E. T. CARSON, Cincinnati.
Correspondent.

OKLAHOMA, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 3; total membership, 148.

The Second Annual Conclave was held in El Reno, February 1, 1897.

R. E. Sir C. MacDonald Barnes, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander makes a very favorable showing for the Jurisdiction for the past Templar year, and his report is short and sweet and leaves nothing for us to review.

Likewise, we say the same of the report of the different committees.

No report on correspondence.

R. E. Sir DeFOREST DeFRANCIS LEECH,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir H. S. CUNNINGHAM,
Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 11 ; total membership, 756.

The Fourteenth Annual Conclave was held in Mitchell, June 4, 1897.

R. E. Sir J. J. Casselman, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander's decisions are of no general interest; we therefore pass them by.

Under dispensations we find that he lines up with Pennsylvania in refusing to grant dispensations in the hurry-up line. Says he has "no sympathy with this railroading candidates through the degrees," and that after explaining the situation to the Commanderies they all agreed to wait, which they always will, if the Grand Officers will simply take a stand against this system. His report in general covers all the official acts for the year, and is carefully prepared.

The report on correspondence is by E. Sir Samuel H. Jumper, and is his second annual.

In his opening, he draws a picture of the prairies in midwinter, "covered with snow to a depth never before known, drifts larger, wider and deeper than a church, many places houses buried so deep that they had to make tunnels through in order to get egress"; and yet in the midst of all this angry blizzard he presents us a cheerful and encouraging report of matters Templar in the Jurisdiction of South Dakota. We rather think South Dakota will have to change it's name to North Dakota if such blizzards as are described in his report continue to follow this one.

His reference to Pennsylvania is knightly. In referring to an occurrence or decision by our Grand Commander, where a candidate was found to be made irregularly, there being no fault of his own, that the Grand Commander had ordered a new petition and a new ballot and the orders to be re-conferred upon him. The correspondent very properly asks "Was this necessary?" And we answer, so far as our own individual opinion goes, most emphatically "No." We think it is all

nonsense, as we have said before, to make it necessary to heal a well man. Let the Commandery officer who has made the blunder be censured, but simply heal the candidate by a word. We are not now, and never have been able, to see any sense in this old-fashioned system.

R. E. Sir JOS. T. MORROW, Mitchell,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir GEO. A. PETTYGREW,
Grand Recorder.

E. Sir SAMUEL H. JUMPER,
Correspondent.

TENNESSEE, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 16; total membership, 1,091.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Conclave was held in Clarksville, May 12, 1897. R. E. Sir Robert W. Haynes, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commandery upon assembling was escorted to the public square, where, while resting under the shade of the beautiful trees, they listened to the address of welcome and response.

The report of the Grand Commander is very complete. He was kept busy granting dispensations, as shown by his record. Among other requests, was a dispensation for permission to confer the Order of Templar upon a Red Cross Knight without requiring him to procure a uniform, on the ground that he was too poor to do so. The Grand Commander declined to either grant the dispensation or to refuse permission, and left it to the Commandery itself. With this action the proper Committee took exceptions, claiming that if he wasn't able to buy a uniform, he shouldn't be able to spend the money necessary to become a Templar, and we rather think the Committee was in the right. We cull the following from the concluding remarks bodied in the report of the Grand Commander:

"As I grow older I feel more sensibly my obligations to my fellows generally, and particularly to my Brother Masons. Many of you too are advancing in years. The years are swiftly gliding, like an arrowy boat, through yielding waters, and soon the ripples, in widening circles, will mingle again with the great expanse, and leave not a trace behind. We are therefore admonished that the opportunities to practice the sublime principles of these valiant and magnanimous Orders are slipping, too, and of the corresponding duties of constancy and courage, faith and humility.

In view of these things, what is the supreme problem of this hour as it bears upon the duties and responsibilities of the Orders of Christ an Knighthood, and of individual Knights as well? Is it not the part both of wisdom and of duty to reflect, whence we came, what we are, and whither we are tending; and to draw from our conditions, our necessities, our obligations and relations in life, to our own loved ones and those of our Brother Knights as well, that inspiration which will nerve our hearts,

strengthen our hands and apply our resources to the end that Templar Masonry be made practically what it so beautifully appears in theory to be?

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted, and while we can commend the sentiment and object aimed at, we doubt the expediency of attempting anything by official action. As a rule, the best way to kill such things is to let them die a natural death.

WHEREAS, The Maltese Cross has for centuries been the official insignia of our Order; and

WHEREAS, We note with much regret the appropriation of this emblem by other secret orders and religious societies, and knowing as we do that their action in thus using an emblem the very name of which is significant of our Order, is absolutely unnecessary; and

WHEREAS, Such conduct on their part is only calculated to mislead, and has already caused unnecessary confusion; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That this Grand Commandery protests against the action of other secret orders and religious societies in thus unnecessarily appropriating our time-honored significant emblem.

2. That our Grand Commander take such action as may be necessary to memorize the Grand Encampment on this subject, with the view of bringing about a moral influence that will stop other orders and societies from misleading the public by the use of our emblem.

3. That our Grand Master correspond with our sister Jurisdictions on this subject, and send them a copy of these resolutions.

The sermon delivered before the Grand Commandery by Rev. Sir Wm. Grafton, Grand Prelate, is a beautiful essay upon the privileges and duties of members of the Order.

The report on correspondence is once more by E. Sir Wilbur F. Foster, and is up to his well known line of writing.

Pennsylvania is kindly remembered in three pages of careful review, and as the only questions arising therein have already been answered in our last year's report, regarding the carrying of "Old Glory" by Knights Templar, we have nothing but thanks for all that is said in this review.

R. E. Sir WM. J. ELY, Clarksville,

Grand Commander.

E. Sir WILBUR F. FOSTER, Nashville,

Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

TEXAS, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 32; total membership, 2,115.

The Forty-third Annual Conclave was held in Houston, April 21, 1897.

R. E. Sir J. F. Brickerhoff, Grand Commander.

In accordance with the usual custom in Texas the office of public worship was observed prior to the opening of the Grand Commandery, and a most beautiful Ritual was participated in by the members thereof. The address by the Grand Prelate, Sir J. E. Carpenter, would be well worth preservation entirely, but owing to lack of space we will have to pass it with this commendation. We know it must have been enjoyed by the fraters of the Lone Star State.

The Grand Commander presents his Annual report, in which is given a number of dispensations. We will quote but one decision:

No. 3. How can an applicant for affiliation, who was a member in regular standing in a lawfully constituted Preceptory in England, at the time his Preceptory demised and had not been created a companion of the Red Cross, be affiliated?

Answer—At his examination he can take the vow and have the Order of the Red Cross communicated to him. Then his petition can take the regular course, the Commandery being satisfied with the reason why he can not produce a dimit.

The following resolution regarding failure to hold stated Conclaves by Subordinate Commandery was adopted:

IN RELATION TO CONCLAVES:

Resolved, That whenever it shall come to the knowledge of the R. E. Grand Commander, or V. E. Deputy Grand Commandery, that any Commandery in his jurisdiction shall have failed to hold a stated Conclave for six consecutive months, that he shall issue a General Order reprimanding such Commandery for its failure to meet, and notifying it of the fact that a failure to hold its Stated Conclave for a year, will work a forfeiture of its Charter.

Resolved, That Art. 3, Sec. 6, Standing Resolutions, is hereby repealed.

(Article referred to provided for discipline for failure of a Commandery to meet for three consecutive months,)

The report on correspondence is once more by R. E. Sir Robt. M. Elgin, and is very complete, covering the transaction of the various Jurisdictions, but unfortunately Pennsylvania is not in it, for which we express our regrets, as we like to answer roll call when the Grand Commanderies are lined up for review. However, we commend the report as it is.

R. E. Sir L. T. NOYES, Houston,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir J. C. KIDD, Houston,
Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir ROBT. M. ELGIN,
Correspondent.

VERMONT, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 11; total membership, 1,499.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Conclave was held in Burlington, June 8, 1897.

R. E. Sir Robert J. Wright, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander presents a complete report of his official actions during the year, recording a number of dispensations granted in accordance with law.

He announces that he has been called upon to make but one decision during the year, and that one provided for in the statutes, and consequently not reported. We find nothing else of interest to the order at large in the proceedings.

The report on Correspondence is Fourth Annual by Kittridge Haskins, sizes fully up to his usual presentation of review.

Pennsylvania for 1896 receives courteous mention and commendation. For his commendation of our views on matters Templar we return thanks. His entire review is carefully prepared and well worth perusal.

R. E. Sir ROBERT J. WRIGHT, Newport,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir WARNER G. REYNOLDS, Burlington.
Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir KITTRIDGE HASKINS, Brattleborough,
Correspondent.

VIRGINIA, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 20; total membership, 1,472.

The Seventy-fifth Annual Conclave was held in Petersburg, December 6, 1897.

R. E. Sir E. H. Miller, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander presents quite an able report, showing careful attention to the duties of his office. The following very queer question was propounded to the Grand Commander, to which he gives a very proper answer:

"Question 2d. Where it is necessary for a Knight Templar to remain an affiliate, to secure to his family his assurance in a Knight Templar Association, do you rule that he must become a non-affiliate before he can be admitted into another Commandery?

"I answered: The law of the Grand Encampment does not permit actual dual membership. It is to be supposed that Knight Templar insurance policies are broad enough to cover such cases. See Digest, Title 38, section 5."

We think it would be a very narrow rule to adopt by any Masonic Insurance Association, that they could not grant a man time to transfer his membership from one Commandery to another or from one Masonic Body to another. We certainly do not think any such institution would be Masonic in its principle, and further than that, we do not think such is in existence.

We also have another very queer question put to the Grand Commander, as follows, and have no comments to make, as the Grand Commander settles the question very properly.

"Question 3d. A Royal Arch Mason resides and does business in a town under the jurisdiction of one Commandery; his wife and child, for good and sufficient reasons, reside in another town, under the jurisdiction of another Commandery. In which Commandery should he apply for the degree?

"I answered: In the Commandery in whose jurisdiction he himself resides. See Title 45, section 7, Digest. Membership in Chapter, place of business, or residence of family, does not determine Templar jurisdiction.

A special report is made on the visitation to each individual subordinate Commandery by the officer making such visitation and inspection. It shows quite a favorable attention to matters Templar in Virginia.

No report on correspondence.

R. E. Sir J. H. CAPERS, Richmond,

Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir J. B. BLANKS, Petersburg,

Grand Recorder.

WASHINGTON, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 10; total membership, 626.

The Tenth Annual Conclave was held at Tacoma, June 2, 1897.

R. E. Sir G. E. Dickson, Grand Commander.

A few dispensations are reported, and only one decision. The question raised was: "Can Templars suspended for dues in Chapter, not declared suspended in Commandery, receive Templar burial?" The Grand Commander very properly answered "Yes."

Nothing else of interest appears in the proceedings, but one curious production is therein recorded, namely, the address of Grand Commander Weatherwax, which is in the form of blank verse throughout. We cannot say how it would sound when delivered by the eloquent frater, but the proceedings speak of it quite highly.

The report on correspondence is by Yancey C. Blalock, in which he carefully reviews all the various proceedings, Pennsylvania being among the number. He quotes quite liberally from the Pennsylvania decisions and documents found in the report, but makes no comments thereon, so that we suppose "silence gives consent" and approves of the whole.

R. E. Sir JACOB WEATHERWAX, Aberdeen,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir YANCEY C. BLALOCK, Walla Walla,
Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 12; total membership, 951.

The Twenty-third Annual Conclave was held in Wheeling, May 12, 1897.

R. E. Sir John C. Riheldaffer, Grand Commander.

A number of dispensations were granted by the Grand Commander, and several decisions made.

The first question submitted and reported upon is that of a Companion who was rejected by a West Virginia Commandery. He then again filed his petition, but before same was acted upon, removed to Pennsylvania. The question asked is whether he belongs to Pennsylvania, or whether the West Virginia Commandery can ballot upon him and confer orders.

The Grand Commander seems perplexed in making a decision on this question. First he says that inasmuch as the Companion has been so short a time in Pennsylvania, he is not satisfied that they have jurisdiction over him, but inasmuch as he is out of the state he rules, that the West Virginia Commandery has no jurisdiction over him, and his petition should be withdrawn.

That is all right enough, we think, so far as it goes, but the Grand Commander might have gone a little farther to say that, while Pennsylvania may have jurisdiction over him in so far as receiving his petition, that they cannot ballot upon him without the consent of the West Virginia Commandery, in which he was black-balled.

The Grand Commander, in summing up his official acts for the year, calls attention to the deplorable lack of efficiency in tactics and drill, and suggests that Commanders pay more attention to the sword exercises and movements necessary to properly conduct the ceremonies.

Another irregularity referred to is that of uniforms, and the third the postponement of the conferring of the Order of Malta to a more convenient season, which in some instances,

he says, never comes. This, of course, is not in accordance with the ruling of the Grand Encampment. He recommends an appointment of a Committee to correct the irregularity in uniform, and also suggests a change in the order of business to compass a two days' session, and if possible, to have an exemplification of the orders under the direction of the Inspector General.

The report on corresdondence is again by W. W. Van Winkle, and covers the proceedings of the various Grand Commanderies in an able and satisfactory manner. Pennsylvania receives due attention.

R. E. Sir L. M. TAVENNER, Parkersburg,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir R. C. DUNNINGTON, Fairmont,
Grand Recorder.

E. Sir W. W. VAN WINKLE,
Correspondent.

WISCONSIN, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 28; total membership 2,965.

The Thirty-third Annual Conclave was held in Milwaukee, October 12, 1897.

R. E. Sir E. C. Dean, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander's address pays fitting tribute to the memory of deceased fraters of his own and other Jurisdictions.

He reports but three dispensations, and no decisions. In fact, matters Templar have gone so smoothly in Wisconsin during the past Templar Year, that he leaves us little or noth- to say regarding the Order in that section.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the preamble and resolution adopted by the Grand Commandery of Tennessee regarding the advice as to legislation against other orders or societies using Templar emblems, made the following report, which was adopted, and we certainly think that this was the only disposition that could be made of the matter in justice to all concerned.

Your Committee on Knightly Courtesy and Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution adopted by the Grand Commandery of Tennessee at its last Annual Conclave, report that they have had the same under consideration; that they fully agree with the statements set forth in the preamble, but are not impressed with the desirability of making a protest or of memorializing the Grand Encampment upon this subject matter, believing that it is more in keeping with the dignity of the Order to quietly ignore the appropriating of any of the emblems of the Order, than to call the attention of the public thereto by protesting against such use, so long as it is impossible to inforce any set of resolutions upon this matter, the parties offending being beyond the jurisdiction of the Order. We are of the opinion that no formal action should be taken upon this matter.

The report on correspondence is once more by our familiar correspondent, E. Sir Wm. C. Swain, and is a careful

review of all the proceedings which had come to hand, among which, we are sorry to say, we cannot find Pennsylvania.

R. E. Sir C. D. ROGERS, Milwaukee.
Grand Commander.

E. Sir J. W. LAFLIN, Milwaukee,
Grand Recorder.

E. Sir Wm. C. SWAIN, Milwaukee,
Correspondent.

WYOMING, 1897.

Number of Commanderies, 7; total membership, 319.

The Tenth Annual Conclave was held in Green River, May 12, 1897.

R. E. Sir A. J. Parschal, Grand Commander.

Everything seems to be working in a harmonious and satisfactory manner in the Jurisdiction of Wyoming, as witness the following from the Grand Commander's address:

"It has been our experience that but little legislation is necessary to govern the Sir Knights of Wyoming. Our Statutes were revised at the Conclave of 1893, to conform to the amendments to the Statutes of the Grand Encampment adopted at its session in 1892. Since then no important changes have been thought necessary, and yet, while the powers of the Grand Commander are very great, and each of my predecessors has been among those of our number who believe in 'hewing close to the line' their reports all show that their administrations have been those of Templar tranquility.

"Our Committee on Grievances comes forward each year with a report that nothing touching the duties of this Committee has been presented for consideration.

"I am happy to add my testimony to the feeling of general good fellowship existing among the Commanderies in the Jurisdiction."

No decisions are reported.

The question of Jurisdiction comes up for consideration, but is rather pushed to one side, as it has been in many more Grand Commanderies, but they have made a little farther stride in the direction of jurisdiction lines by classifying the division by counties instead of by distance.

The report on correspondene is by Jno. C. Baird. Pennsylvania is not included. We suppose it had not arrived in time, consequently we cannot find fault, although we are sorry we are left out.

R. E. Sir DAVID H. CRAIG, Rawlins,
Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir J. C. BAIRD, P. G. C.,
Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

(From Proceedings of New York, 1897).

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR STATISTICS

Grand Commandery	Commanderies	Members	Created	Affiliated	Restored	Died	Dimitted	Dropped, and Non-payment of Dues	Expelled	Net gain	Net loss
Alabama	10	382	23	4	2	6	7	10	1	21	...
Arkansas	13	552	23	7	3	11	7	15	...	.....	...
Arizona	3	122	11	3	...	1	2	3	...	8	...
California	36	3,033	166	56	5	48	42	40	1	96	...
Colorado	25	1,667	77	29	5	15	32	48	...	16	...
Connecticut	11	2,363	131	6	3	50	13	16	...	61	...
Dist. of Columbia	5	1,534	49	6	10	28	19	48	1	.....	31
*Florida	6	218	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	...
Georgia	10	719	62	4	1	12	23	5	...	27	...
Illinois	66	9,518	570	82	40	126	201	232	1	132	...
Indiana	38	3,526	162	52	11	49	101	39	3	33	...
Indian Territory	3	114	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	...
Iowa	56	4,343	302	67	28	41	114	127	1	170	...
Kansas	46	3,243	166	84	1	30	138	80	...	.....	13
Kentucky	25	2,020	182	19	10	34	39	60	2	89	...
Louisiana	4	320	9	1	...	7	.....	10	...	.....	7
Maine	19	3,067	256	21	4	49	30	39	...	163	...
Maryland	12	1,132	83	32	2	12	42	9	1	45	...
Mass. & R. Island	45	11,789	628	47	3	181	87	115	1	293	...
Michigan	45	5,523	225	47	14	81	74	61	4	66	...
Minnesota	25	2,448	123	39	5	37	56	34	3	37	...
Mississippi	14	478	56	1	3	8	10	4	1	37	...
Missouri	56	4,237	200	85	16	50	66	130	...	55	...
Montana	8	348	45	3	6	4	5	20	...	25	...
Nebraska	23	1,679	58	13	6	17	37	54	4	.....	33
New Hampshire	11	2,060	113	41	3	41	43	6	...	67	...
New Jersey	16	1,779	101	23	...	18	16	47	...	43	...
New York	58	11,037	780	52	61	166	82	316	2	327	...
North Carolina	11	349	22	3	...	6	10	7	...	2	...
North Dakota	7	427	31	8	1	4	10	.....	1	25	...
Ohio	55	8,071	446	43	51	115	97	164	7	157	...
Oklahoma	3	131	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	...
Oregon	6	415	20	15	1	6	12	8	...	11	...
Pennsylvania	73	11,218	664	83	...	145	113	208	6	275	...
South Dakota	11	756	48	2	2	9	22	11	...	10	...
Tennessee	16	1,091	61	15	...	19	42	14	...	1	...
Texas	31	2,115	130	17	14	32	53	87	3	.....	14
Vermont	11	1,499	99	1	...	20	35	16	...	41	...
Virginia	20	1,481	107	19	4	25	50	29	2	24	...
Washington	10	626	25	15	26	9	17	17	1	22	...
West Virginia	12	951	76	30	2	9	13	13	...	73	...
Wisconsin	27	2,902	159	69	2	35	85	57	...	54	...
Wyoming	7	319	50	16	...	2	5	2	...	57	...
Grand Encampment	20	1,274	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	...
Total in the U. S.	1,009	112,867	6,539	1,160	345	1,558	1,850	2,201	45	2,563	98
Canada	36	1,548									
England & Wales	120	2,382									
Ireland	43	1,300									
Scotland	20	465									
Victoria, Australia	5	109									
Total in the world	1,233	118,671									

*From last year's report.

CONCLUSION.

Once more our task is done, and we trust that it may meet with approval. And that the time and thought spent in its preparation may be of at least some benefit to the order.

There has been nothing of special interest to the order discussed during the past year, at least, nothing new.

Many correspondents, and some proceedings still adhere to using prefix of title when applied to title or officer, viz: Sir Wm. Johnson, R. E. Grand Commander. Of course, it really matters but little how we use the terms, as the salaries go on just the same, but at the same time it is just as easy to have it right as wrong. We have always contended that this form of address is wrong, and the Grand Encampment decided it in that way a few years ago. In other words, that the prefix Most Eminent, Right Eminent or Eminent were titles of honor addressed to persons holding the office, and not a part of name or title of office. That the officer sign himself Commander, Grand Commander or Grand Master, but that in addressing them we should apply the prefix. Thus in making record:

R. E. Sir Wm. Johnson, Grand Commander, or if addressing on the floor, R. E. Grand Commander.

Owing to the pressure of duties connected with preparation for the Triennial Conclave next October, we are more than glad this task is finished.

Our committees on Triennial are all in full working order, doing everything that can be done to make the next Triennial a memorable one in the history of the Order. All we can say is, that if anything is lacking, it will not be the fault of our home fraters.

We shall hope to see a full number of the Corps Reportorial. "Come with us and we will do you good."

As we write our conclusion in the middle of May, "war and rumors of war" are flooding the land. One would think that the time should have come when "wars shall cease," and so it has. And so they would, could the ruling powers of the

world be guided by a Christ-like spirit, and, laying aside petty jealousies, act in concert for the benefit of mankind at large, instead of seeing only their own roof tree and work for their own selfish end.

How much more Christian it would have been for the civilized nations unitedly to have said to Spain: "Stop persecuting and killing those poor Cubans, or else get out of Cuba." In that case there would have been nothing left her but to obey.

Arbitration is the only God-given agency by which to settle disputes, be they national or personal. But again enters in that petty jealousy among the European powers, fostered in this case, we fear, by our own native jingoists, who a few years since repudiated arbitration, and in the present trouble howled until their bloody throats were hoarse, and until the Government was forced into a position where no other course was left to maintain our honor, but by war.

And now that the dogs of war are loosed, where are those who cried loudest for war? At home in safety.

One of them said on the floor of Congress, that the result of this war would be worth all the blood that might be shed. Yea, verily, as long as it is some other fellow's blood.

But war is on. "Our brothers are already in the field" and a glorious beam of light shines through and penetrates the dark cloud, viz: That if ever there was a war waged solely in behalf of suffering humanity, this is such an one. As a Nation, we have nothing to gain, except the satisfaction of having done a Christ-like act by coming to the rescue and protection of our fellow man, and all to lose in men and money.

And yet another bright ray penetrates the darkness, and that is that this war, for the time being has obliterated all sectional lines and difference between the great political parties and territorial sections for the first time since our own bloody strife. And "Yank" and "Reb" stand shoulder to shoulder, and as brothers "drink from the same canteen."

And "lastly," as some one has aptly said, we as Masons have much to be thankful for, in that we do not wage war against a Masonic nation, but one that owes allegience to that other great secret society, antagonistic to every principle and precept of Masonry, whose Grand Orient is at Rome.

Those of us who served during the war of the sixties know what war means, and for our part prayed and trusted, when Uncle Sam in 1865 said that he would dispense with our services, that our country had seen the last of war with all its horrors and attendant sorrows.

As the true Knight Templar sings:

"In the Cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wreck of time."

So also can he conscientiously be proud of "Old Glory" and what it represents. If wars must be, then it is well to look to the cause for same, and the record of the United States stands second to none in the history of the world in that respect.

While the war of the Revolution was the greatest in history for its far-reaching effects, the Civil war of '61 the greatest considered by the number engaged and the number of battles fought, as well as by its emancipation effects. The present war stands alone in the history of the world for its unique character. Never before was war undertaken without any motive of revenge, or desire for gain, but based solely upon the avowed purpose of helping our fellow men.

We may be mistaken as to our call to this Christ-like duty, but, if so, it is undeniably a mistake of the head, not of the heart.

And may we not believe that the effect upon the nations of Europe of such an unselfish act upon the part of a great nation such as ours, may be to teach them the Divine fact that, notwithstanding their indifference to the cry of the oppressed, that yet the world does move in spite of their apathy and that

"Our God is marching on."

There may have been difference of opinion as to the necessity and propriety of this war, but since it seems that it must be, there is but one feeling regarding it throughout all our great country. No South! no North! no East! no West! is known or recognized. But the universal cry is heard everywhere, "For God and suffering humanity."

Loyalty to country is imbibed in every degree of Free Masonry. So as an Order, we unite with the Church and all God-fearing men, in an earnest prayer that honorable and victorious peace may soon spread her wings again over our God-blessed land.

"O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

With poor downtrodden Cuba resting under the shadow of our great Republic, not as one of its family but as a neighbor, in peace and quiet, because our God said to her oppressor,

"Let my people go."

LEE S. SMITH, P. G. C.,
For the Committee.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS

FROM

Subordinate Commanderies

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar

of Pennsylvania,

For the Year ending April 30, 1898.

PITTSBURGH COMMANDERY, No. 1.

Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. *Second Tuesday.*

ELI EDMUNDSON, Jr., Eminent Commander.

Arthur B. Wigley, Gen. Matthew M. Felker, Capt. Gen.

George Heaps, Treas. David M. Kinzer, P. E. C., Rec.

210 Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh.

Created, 100; admitted, 8; resigned, 8; died, 4; suspended, 6; membership, 753.

Died: Silas C. Snyder, Joseph S. Morrow, August G. Hatry, John S. Hughes.

PHILADELPHIA COMMANDERY, No. 2.

Philadelphia. *First Monday.*

WILLIAM C. MATCHETT, Eminent Commander.

John A. Perry, Gen. Forrest E. Gordon, Capt. Gen.
Frank M. Highley, P.E.C., Treas. Clarence E. Steele, Rec.
250 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia.

Created, 18; resigned, 2; died, 19; suspended, 3; membership, 484.

Died: Gideon Clark, Anthony E. Stocker, P. G. C., Thaddeus S. Shannon, William B. MacKellar, James H. Alexander, Edward Matthews, William Davis, Charles E. Currins, William Moore, Frank X. Dubler, George W. Roberts, John H. Cook, James E. Dingee, James N. Davis, Arthur Evans, Samuel W. Rudolph, William Halberle, George W. Brooke, William Megonigle.

JACQUES DE MOLAY COMMANDERY, No. 3.

Washington, Washington County. *Third Friday.*

JOHN C. BANE, Eminent Commander.

Warren A. McKay, Gen. James L. Stright, Capt. Gen.
John K. McMillan, P.E.C., Treas. H. James A. Finley, P.E.C., Rec.
Washington, Pa.

Created, 12; admitted, 1; resigned, 4; died, 1; membership, 66.

Died: William Wolf.

ST. JOHN'S COMMANDERY, No. 4.

Philadelphia. *Fourth Friday.*

LEWIS BREMER, Eminent Commander.

Geo. H. Banes, Gen. Fred'k B. Vandegrift, Capt. Gen.
John S. Stevens, Treas. George W. Kreamer, Rec.
59 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia.

Created, 14; admitted, 3; resigned, 5; died, 9; suspended, 10; membership, 558.

Died: Charles Laing, Gustave R. Schaefer, Charles Mehler, Charles Algeo, John Blakeley, Richard M. Morrell, George Roney, William H. Royer, John H. DeBue

ST. OMER'S COMMANDERY, No. 7.

Brownsville, Fayette County. *Second Friday.*

ROBERT GRAHAM, Eminent Commander.

John W. Worrell, Gen. — Samuel H. Pearsall, Capt. Gen.
Daniel H. Pearsall, Treas. — Robert Graham, Rec.

Brownsville, Pa.

Created, 3; membership, 72.

ST. JOHN'S COMMANDERY, No. 8.

Carlisle, Cumberland County. *Fourth Thursday.*

SAMUEL S. BIXLER, Eminent Commander.

Thomas J. Parmley, Gen. — George J. Benner, Capt. Gen.
Joseph P. Bixler, Treas. — John H. Senseman, Rec.

Carlisle, Penna.

Created, 14; admitted, 1; died, 5; membership, 115.

Died: Samuel S. Wolfe, Abram P. Beaver, John H. Bosler, R. N. Short, Geo. Lower.

DE MOLAY COMMANDERY, No. 9.

Reading, Berks County. *Second Tuesday.*

EDWARD F. FREEHOFER, Eminent Commander.

Nevin M. Davis, Gen. — Richard J. Hampton, Capt. Gen.
Geo. F. Hagenman, P.E.C., Treas. — A. R. Hoover, P. E. C., Rec.

Reading, Penna

Created, 10; admitted, 1; resigned, 1; suspended, 6; membership, 165.

MOUNTAIN COMMANDERY, No. 10.

Altoona, Blair County. *Fourth Thursday.*

GEORGE F. JACKSON, Eminent Commander.

Henry O. Kline, Gen. — Wilson A. Turner, Capt. Gen.
D. Howard Crawford, Treas. — Timothy Davis, Rec.

Masonic Temple, Altoona, Pa.

Created, 17; resigned, 2; died, 2. membership, 202.

Died: Archibald H. Maxwell, John McCormick.

PILGRIM COMMANDERY, No. 11.

Harrisburg, Dauphin County. *First Thursday.*

CLARK E. DIEHL, Eminent Commander.

J. Wilson Hoffa, Gen. — Harry M. Chenowith, Capt. Gen.
William L. Gorgas, Treas. — Alex. W. Bergstresser, Rec.
Harrisburg, Penna.

Created, 4; admitted, 7; resigned, 1; died, 2; suspended, 2; membership, 199.

Died: Joseph Pomeroy, James B. Floyd.

CRUSADE COMMANDERY, No. 12.

Bloomsburg, Columbia County. *Second Thursday.*

CORTEZ B. ROBBINS, Eminent Commander.

John R. Townsend, Gen. — Geo. E. Wilbur, Capt. Gen.
James M. Staver, Treas. — Christ F. Knapp, P. G. C., Rec.,
Bloomsburg, Penna.

Membership, 71.

LANCASTER COMMANDERY, No. 13.

Lancaster, Lancaster County. *Fourth Thursday.*

RICHARD C. ROSE, Eminent Commander.

J. Frederick Fisher, Gen. — William L. Marshall, Capt. Gen.
Charles A. Heinitsh, Treas. — Joshua L. Lyte, P. E. C., Rec.
Lancaster, Penna.

Created, 4; resigned, 1; died, 6; suspended, 2; membership, 225.

Died: Charles W. Metzgar, Aldus P. Fulmer, John R. Bitner, Henry S. Shirk, James C. Wiley, Philip A. Pyle.

PALESTINE COMMANDERY, No. 14.

Carbondale, Lackawanna County. *First Friday.*

SAMUEL T. SLY, Eminent Commander.

Frank Roemmelmeyer, Gen. — Robert M. Vannam, Capt. Gen.
Sumner D. Davis, P.E.C., Treas. — Henry B. Wilbur, P. E. C. Rec.
Carbondale, Penna.

Created, 2; resigned, 1; died, 1; membership, 87.

Died: William Pethick.

JERUSALEM COMMANDERY, No. 15.

Phœnixville, Chester County. *Tuesday before Full Moon.*

ALBERT M. SOWER, Eminent Commander.

George M. Diemer, Gen. Frederic A. Tencate, Capt. Gen.

Irwin M. Buckwalter, P. E. C., Treas. Edward T. Plush, Rec.

Phœnixville, Penna.

Created, 3; admitted, 1; died, 1; suspended, 4; membership, 87.

Died: John Deninthorne.

NORTHERN COMMANDERY, No. 16.

Towanda, Bradford County. *First Wednesday.*

HERBERT S. PUTNAM, Eminent Commander.

C. Manville Pratt, Gen. George B. Winter, Capt. Gen.

William Chamberlain, P. E. C., Treas. James H. Codding, P. G. C., Rec.

Towanda, Penna.

Created, 9; admitted, 1; resigned, 1; died, 2; suspended, 4; membership, 130.

Died: James McAllester, George Kirby.

CŒUR DE LEON COMMANDERY, No. 17.

Scranton, Lackawanna County. *Second Wednesday.*

ARJA WILLIAMS, Eminent Commander.

William S. Mears, Gen. Joseph J. Taylor, Capt. Gen.

Edward P. Kingsbury, P.E.C., Treas. Edward L. Buck, P.E.C., Rec.

Lock Box 122, Scranton, Pa.

Created, 5; resigned, 6; died, 3; suspended, 5; membership, 124.

Died: John S. Ferguson, John D. Fuller, Joseph Godfrey.

KEDRON COMMANDERY, No. 18.

Greensburg, Westmoreland County. *Fourth Tuesday.*

JACOB SELL, Eminent Commander.

James Cochran, Gen. Joseph D. Houston, Capt. Gen.
Fridolin Miller, P. E. C., Treas. John S. Sell, P. E. C., Rec.

Greensburg, Penna.

Created, 9; resigned, 1; died, 3; suspended, 3; membership, 149.

Died: William L. Evans, Elmer E. Black, David S. Ferguson.

HUGH DE PAYENS COMMANDERY, No. 19.

Easton, Northampton County. *Fourth Friday.*

ROBERT E. JAMES, Eminent Commander.

William S. Semple, Gen. Max W. Schneebeli, Capt. Gen.
James R. Zearfoss, Treas. George S. Siegert, Rec.

9 South Eleventh Street, Easton, Pa.

Created, 3; admitted, 3; resigned, 2; suspended, 2; membership, 217.

ALLEN COMMANDERY, No. 20.

Allentown, Lehigh County. *Second Thursday.*

WELLINGTON H. SNYDER, Eminent Commander.

Frank W. Martenis, Gen. Allen S. Heckman, Capt. Gen.
Charles H. Ruhl, Treas. Henry C. Wagner, Rec.

Allentown, Penna.

Created, 3; died, 5; suspended, 2: membership, 190.

Died: James B. Roeder, Joseph E. Balliet, Armat W. Lee, Benjamin T. Wonderley, Abraham F. Koons.

YORK COMMANDERY, No. 21.

York, York County. *First Thursday after First Monday.*

RICHARD E. COCHRAN, Eminent Commander.

David A. Minnich, Gen. Jacob W. Hildebrand, Capt. Gen.
Isaac A. Elliot, P.E.C., Treas. Thomas Wood, Rec.

York, Penna.

Created, 3; died, 2; membership, 90.

Died: Joseph R. Davis, Edwin C. Epley.

BALDWIN II COMMANDERY, No. 22.

Williamsport, Lycoming County — *Third Tuesday.*

JAMES B. KRAUSE, Eminent Commander.

Truman P. Reitmeyer, Gen. — William C. King, Capt. Gen.
Joseph W. Mussina, P. E. C., Treas. — William R. Prior, P. E. C., Rec.
768 W. Fourth Street, Williamsport, Pa.

Created, 12; admitted, 1; resigned, 1; died, 1; suspended, 7; membership, 176.

Died: John W. Hays.

PACKER COMMANDERY, No. 23.

Mauch Chunk, Carbon County. — *Third Tuesday.*

WILLIAM L. YAEGER, Eminent Commander.

Richard S. Ruddle, Gen. — Jacob G. Zern, Capt. Gen.
Elwood M. Kuntz, Treas. — Laird H. Barber, P.E.C., Rec.
Mauch Chunk, Penna.

Created, 7; resigned, 1; died, 2; membership, 110.

Died: Charles A. Weist, Charles O. Skeer.

HERMIT COMMANDERY, No. 24.

Lebanon, Lebanon County. — *Fourth Thursday.*

JOHN R. RODEARMEL, Eminent Commander.

Grant Weidman, Jr., Gen. — Harry G. Miller, Capt. Gen.
Joseph L. Lemberger, P. E. C., Treas. — William G. Ward, Rec.
Box 226, Lebanon, Penna.

Suspended, 4; membership, 85.

NORTHWESTERN COMMANDERY, No. 25.

Meadville, Crawford County. — *Fourth Tuesday.*

OTTO KOEHLER, Eminent Commander.

Emmett W. McArthur, Gen. — Alvah Johnston, Capt. Gen.
William S. McGonigle, Treas. — Norman C. McLaughlin, Rec.
Meadville, Penna.

Created, 17; resigned, 1; died, 3; suspended, 11; membership, 87.

Died: F. H. Foster, William C. Hay, E. L. Litchfield.

LEWISTOWN COMMANDERY, No. 26.

Lewistown, Mifflin County. *Fourth Tuesday.*

JOHN A. JUNKIN, Eminent Commander.

James W. Wagner, Gen. — Alton G. Scholl, Capt. Gen.

William Irwin, Treas. — William F. Eckbert, P.E.C., Rec.
Lewistown, Penna.

Created, 1; died, 3; membership, 55.

Died: Joseph H. Alter, James C. Robeson, Emmanuel C. Hamilton.

GREAT BEND COMMANDERY, No. 27.

Great Bend, Susquehanna County. *Third Friday.*

CHARLES M. SHELF, Eminent Commander.

Burton C. Roitt, Gen. — Fred'k G. Inderlied, Capt. Gen.

William J. Day, P.E.C. Treas. — Thomas Summerton, Rec.
Great Bend, Pa.

Died, 1; membership, 42.

Died: Nelson Fox.

TYAGAGHTON COMMANDERY, No. 28.

Wellsboro, Tioga County *Third Tuesday.*

FRANK A. DEANS, Eminent Commander.

Gilbert H. Tremain, Gen. — Henry E Raesly, Capt. Gen.

George M. Spaulding, P. E. C., Treas. — Aaron R. Niles, P. E. C., Rec.,
Wellsboro, Pa.

Created, 2; admitted, 1; died, 1; membership, 65.

Died: John T. Purvis.

KADOSH COMMANDERY, No. 29.

Philadelphia. *Fourth Thursday.*

JOSEPH L. R. WHETSTONE, Eminent Commander.

Christian Biederbeck, Gen. — Adam H. Keen, Capt. Gen.

Frank Garrigues, Treas. — Alphonso C. Ireland, P.E.C. Rec.,
431 Walnut St., Philadelphia.

Created, 5; admitted, 1; resigned, 7; died, 9; suspended, 14; membership, 327.

Died: Jonathan Gerkes, John Mason, Edwin J. Spangler, Charles E. Johnson, John Sartain, Edward H. Wray, George S. Mellor, William S. Huckel, S. Grant Smith.

MOUNT OLIVET COMMANDERY, No. 30.

Erie, Erie County. *Fourth Tuesday.*

JOSEPH H. WILLIAMS, Eminent Commander.

Homer M. Hill, Gen. John S. Relling, Capt. Gen.
George D. Williams, Treas. Arthur M. Blinn, Rec.,
14 West 9th St, Erie, Pa.

Created, 8; admitted, 1; resigned, 4; died, 5; suspended 6; membership, 215.

Died: Adam Liebel, William O. Mehl, Martin Mauer, Adam J. Weinheimer, Thomas A. Elliott.

IVANHOE COMMANDERY, No. 31.

Mahanoy City, Schuylkill County. *Second Thursday.*

JOSHUA D. JONES, Eminent Commander.

Thomas L. Thomas, Gen. Livingston V. Rausch, Capt. Gen.
Geo. F. Brendle, P.E.C., Treas. I. Y. Sollenberger, P. E C., Rec.
Mahanoy City, Pa.

Created, 2; died, 2; suspended, 6; membership, 73.

Died: Eli Tilson, Henry Kirn.

HUTCHINSON COMMANDERY, No. 32.

Norristown, Montgomery County. *Fourth Monday.*

MATTHIAS L. MARCH, Eminent Commander.

George W. Watt, Gen. Harry B. Tyson, Capt. Gen.
William Stahler, Treas. Thad. S. Adle, P. E. C., Rec.
Norristown, Pa.

Created, 14; died, 3; membership, 211.

Died: Samuel M. Moore, David Schall, Irwin H. Brendlinger.

CONSTANS COMMANDERY, No. 33.

Bellefonte, Centre County. *Second Friday.*

ROBERT G. H. HAYES, Eminent Commander.

George T. Bush, Gen. William L. Steele, Cap. Gen.
Hammon Sechler, Treas. W. Homer Crissman, Rec.
Bellefonte, Pa.

Resigned, 2; died, 2; membership, 60.

Died: George W. Jackson, Joshua R. Gorsach.

CYRENE COMMANDERY, No. 34.

Columbia, Lancaster County. *Third Friday.*

WILLIAM F. MAULICK, Eminent Commander.

John D. Henderson, Gen. John H. Ostertag, Cap. Gen.
William G. Taylor, Treas. Andrew J. Kauffman P.G.C. Rec.
Columbia Pa.

Created, 2; admitted, 1; died, 1; suspended, 1; membership, 70.

Died: John A. Jackson.

ALLEGHENY COMMANDERY, No. 35.

Allegheny, Allegheny County. *Fourth Friday.*

WILLIAM R. HECKERT, Eminent Commander.

James H. Willock, Gen. Jesse K. Seright, Cap. Gen.
David Morrison, Treas. William A. Meloney, Rec.
Allegheny, Pa.

Created, 30; admitted, 3; resigned, 4; died, 4; suspended, 2; membership, 338.

Died: Abraham Keirn, Charles Reithmiller, John A. Gilleland, Jacob F. Diffenbacher.

MARY COMMANDERY, No. 36.

Philadelphia. *Second Thursday.*

ALFRED K. GREGORY, Eminent Commander.

Frank C. Price, Gen. Charles C. Judd, Capt. Gen.
Ezra S. Bartlett, G. S. W., Treas. Alexander McCune, P. E. C., Rec.
47 North Thirteenth St., Philad'a.

Created, 51; admitted, 5; resigned, 2; died, 20; membership, 774,

Died: Robert B. Salter, T. Horace Brown, Thomas Holt, William H. Radford, Clarence T. Kensil, R. A. Shetzline, Louis E. Fischer, Edward N. McCaulley, William A. Hollman, Simeon Bardsley, Philip Rudolph, William H. Heck, Maximillian Weiss, James H. Hamilton, Louis E. Rausch, William Wade, R. C. Shelmerdine, Thomas W. Evans, William Haydon, William McCarter.

CALVARY COMMANDERY, No. 37.

Danville, Montour County. *First Thursday after Third Monday.*

WILLIAM KASE WEST, Eminent Commander.

Charles P. Hancock, Gen. — William L. Sidler, Cap. Gen.
William G. Pursel, P. E. C., Treas. — John W. Farnsworth, P. E. C., Rec.

Danville, Pa.

Created, 2; admitted, 1; resigned, 1; suspended, 2; membership, 71.

ROSE CROIX COMMANDERY, No. 38.

Titusville, Crawford County. *First Wednesday.*

JOSEPH J. MCCRUM, Eminent Commander.

Ruben E. Taft, Gen. — Leander L. Shattuck, Cap. Gen.
Henry Kehr, Treas. — John S. Bradley, Rec.

Titusville, Pa.

Created, 7; admitted, 1; died, 1; membership, 44.

Died: James T. Lowen.

PRINCE OF PEACE COMMANDERY, No. 39.

Ashland, Schuylkill County. *Fourth Thursday.*

ROBERT O'BOYLE, Eminent Commander.

Frank L. Buck, Gen. — James Magrady, Cap. Gen.
Albert L. Laubenstein, P. E. C., Treas. — William A. Phillips, P. E. C., Rec.

Ashland, Pa.

Created, 4; membership, 51.

KNAPP COMMANDERY, No. 40.

Ridgway, Elk County. *Fourth Thursday.*

FRED H. ELY, Eminent Commander.

James S. Miller, Gen. — Walter H. Crocker, Cap. Gen.
Frank C. Ely, P. E. C., Treas. — George L. McCracken, Rec.

Ridgway, Pa.

Created, 18; admitted, 1; resigned, 1; died, 1; suspended, 1; membership, 148.

Died: John B. Clark.

CONSTANTINE COMMANDERY, No. 41.

Pottsville, Schuylkill County. *Second Wednesday.*

JAMES R. HENDERSON, Eminent Commander.

William S. Thomas, Gen. John Maguire, Cap. Gen.
David H. Seibert, P.E.C., Treas. Henry P. Lauer, Rec.
Pottsville, Pa.

Created, 5; membership, 102.

READING COMMANDERY, No. 42.

Reading, Berks County. *Second Friday.*

WILLIAM H. KESSLER, Eminent Commander.

Samuel E. Nies, Gen. E. Marsh Brasefield, Cap. Gen.
Lewis Dauth, Treas. John B. Renninger, P. E. C., Rec.
Lock Box 324, Reading, Pa.

Created, 19; resigned, 3; died, 6; suspended, 7; membership, 355.

Died: James E. Grist, Daniel A. Yoder, Stocks Hammond, William A. Sallade, John H. Mishler, Ferdinand S. Ritter.

TALBOT COMMANDERY, No. 43.

Oil City, Venango County. *First Monday.*

CLARENCE W. COULTER, Eminent Commander.

Henry Fritz, Gen. John W. Prince, Cap. Gen.
Samuel H. Lamberton, Treas. Henry C. Goldsborough, Rec.
Oil City, Pa

Created, 10; admitted, 2; resigned, 1; died, 1; membership, 96.

Died: Charles H. Shepard.

FRANKLIN COMMANDERY, No. 44.

Franklin, Venango County. *Fourth Tuesday.*

HOWARD H. PORTERFIELD, Eminent Commander.

Frederick B. Black, Gen. J. Harvey Heasley, Capt. Gen.
Wash. D. Doyle, P.E.C., Treas. Charles D. Elliott, Rec.
Franklin, Pa.

Created, 21; admitted, 2; died, 3; membership, 112.

Died: Edward D. Trainer, John J. Doyle, Wm. J. Welsh.

DIEU LE VEUT COMMANDERY, No. 45.

Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County. *Fourth Monday.*

FRANK DEITRICK, Eminent Commander.

Warren R. Bowman, Gen. Stewart L. Barnes, Capt. Gen.
Geo. H. Flanagan, Treas. Elliot R. Morgan, P. E. C., Rec.
Kingston, Pa.

Created, 18; admitted, 3; resigned, 2; died, 2; suspended, 4; membership, 190.

Died: Harry A. Laycock, Richard A. Whiteman.

HOSPITALLER COMMANDERY, No. 46.

Lock Haven, Clinton County. *Fourth Thursday.*

WILLIAM FRANKLIN ELLIOTT, Eminent Commander.

John D. Tinsley, Gen. John R. Stevenson, Capt. Gen.
Geo. W. Mason, P. E. C., Treas. John T. Beardsley, P.E.C., Rec.
Lock Haven, Pa.

Created, 4; suspended, 2; membership, 82.

ST. ALBAN COMMANDERY, No. 47.

Philadelphia. *Fourth Tuesday.*

A. G. CRISSWELL SMITH, Eminent Commander.

Alfred J. Wilkinson, Gen. George Hall, Capt. Gen.
Wm. W. Allen, P.G.C., Treas. James McGarvey, Rec.
1837 Christian St., Philadelphia.

Created, 26; admitted, 4; resigned, 6; died, 9; suspended, 7; membership, 434.

Died: Joseph S. Wright, P. G. C.; Samuel S. Talbot, Courtland Rhodes, William W. Webb, Richard D. Wills, Jesse M. Rutherford, Henry D. Walls, Edward C. Richman, Robert Young.

TANCRED COMMANDERY, No. 48.

Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. *Fourth Monday.*

JOHN T. CUNNINGHAM, Eminent Commander.

George T. Ghriest, Gen. Charles A. Willis, Capt. Gen.
A. V. Holmes, P. E. C., Treas. John T. Fox, Rec.
Box 1403, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Created, 88; admitted, 5; resigned, 2; died, 7; suspended, 4; membership, 569.

Died: Henry W. Borntraeger, Edward R. Armstrong, Alexander J. Shank, John D. Brown, Benjamin F. Kountz, John Wesley Black, Christian Troutman.

UNIONTOWN COMMANDERY, No. 49.

Uniontown, Fayette County. *First Thursday.*

JOHN M. CORE, Eminent Commander.

Henry F. Detwiler, Gen. John G. Barbour, Capt. Gen.
William Hunt, P. E. C., Treas. Levi S. Gaddis, P. E. C., Rec.
Uniontown, Pa.

Created, 17; admitted, 1; resigned, 1; membership, 109.

REBECCA COMMANDERY, No. 50.

Sharon, Mercer County. *Fourth Friday.*

FREDERICK W. KOEHLER, Eminent Commander.

Robert A. Hannah, Gen. Frank D. Runser, Capt. Gen.
George L. Williams, P. E. C., Treas. Jno. Murchie, P. E. C. Rec.
Sharon, Pa.

Created, 6; admitted, 1; died, 3; suspended, 2; membership, 101.

Died: Samuel C. Simonton, George W. Williams, James R. Lytle.

CLARENCE COMMANDERY, No. 51.

Corry, Erie County. *Second Tuesday.*

JEROME HYATT, Eminent Commander.

Fred Stanford, Gen. Jas. P. Edwards, Capt. Gen.
Manly Crosby, Treas. Orlando P. Eaton, Rec.

Corry, Pa.

Created, 11; died, 2; suspended, 3; membership, 71.

Died: John H. Kirk, Seward T. Cady.

CORINTHIAN "CHASSEUR" COMMANDERY, No. 53.

Philadelphia. *Third Monday.*

HENRY GILBERT BRUNER, Eminent Commander.

Alfred Weldon, Gen. J. Henry Williams, Capt. Gen.
Oliver S. Hemphill, P. E. C., Treas. Charles Cary, P. E C., Rec.

Masonic Temple, Philad'a.

Created, 34; resigned, 8; died, 6; suspended, 14; membership, 479.

Died: James McLaughlin, John M. Hall, John L. Baldwin, Arthur P. Davis, Paschall H. Fairlamb, William H. Lee.

KENSINGTON COMMANDERY, No. 54.

Philadelphia. *Second Monday.*

EDWIN S. TITUS, Eminent Commander.

Joseph Crockett, Gen. Fred'k G. Maurer, Capt Gen.
Stephen.C. Fraley, P.E.C.,Treas. Wm. M. Neisser, Rec.

S W. Cor. Broad and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia.

Created, 7; resigned, 1; died, 6; suspended, 5; membership, 166.

Died: Isaac Albertson, George J. Dwier, George H. Horn, John McCallister, Oscar Misselwitz, William C. Smith.

CENTENNIAL COMMANDERY, No. 55.

Coatesville, Chester County. *Third Wednesday.*

JOHN WESLEY RIDAY, Eminent Commander.

David H. Weaver, Gen. Walter S. Coats, Capt. Gen.

Enos T. Harley, Treas. Ezra P. Dickinson, P.E.C., Rec., Coatesville, Pa.

Created, 2; admitted, 1; resigned, 1; died, 2; membership, 40.

Died: Charles H. Yetter, Leonard H. Humphrey.

CONTINENTAL COMMANDERY, No. 56.

Chambersburg, Franklin County. *Second Tuesday.*

JOHN K. BRITTON, Eminent Commander.

Garnet Gehr, Gen. Harry G. Wolf, Capt. Gen.

Adam Lohman, Treas. Allan C. McGrath, Rec., Chambersburg, Pa.

Created, 3; admitted, 1; membership, 48.

WYOMING VALLEY COMMANDERY, No. 57.

Pittston, Wyoming County. *Third Friday.*

JAMES RYAN, Eminent Commander.

W. Oscar Walborn, Gen. Henry B. Stark, Capt. Gen.

Alex. McDougall, P.E.C., Treas. T. Wilbur Kyte, Rec., Pittston, Pa.

Died, 2; suspended, 2; membership, 54.

TRINITY COMMANDERY, No. 58.

Bradford, McKean County. *Second Thursday.*

EDWARD A. BOYNE, Eminent Commander.

James C. Fox, Gen. Harry B. Goe, Capt. Gen.

John Ley, P. E. C., Treas. James R. Goldsborough, P.E.C. Rec., Bradford, Pa.

Created, 8; admitted, 4, resigned, 1; died, 3; suspended, 2; membership, 197.

Died: Charles D. Buss, Charles L. Wheeler, Charles P. McAllister.

ASCALON COMMANDERY, No. 59.

Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. *Third Friday.*

CHARLES F. FOSTER, Eminent Commander.

John H. Armstrong, Gen. John D. Mars, Cap. Gen.
D. Gale French, P. E. C., Treas. Robert H. McCreery, Rec.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Created, 32; admitted, 3; resigned, 3; died, 4; membership, 205.

Died: David Fisher, John F. Billstein, William Baldwin, John D. Marshall.

TEMPLE COMMANDERY, No. 60.

Tunkhannock, Wyoming County. *Second Monday after First Monday on or before Full Moon*

GEORGE S. BALDWIN, Eminent Commander.

Dexter W. Stark, Gen. John B. Jennings, Capt. Gen.
James W. Pratt, P. E. C., Treas. Bradley W. Lewis, P. E. C., Rec., Tunkhannock, Pa.

Admitted, 1; died, 2; suspended, 2; membership, 49.

Died: Eno G. Wheeler, Paul Billings.

ORIENTAL COMMANDERY, No. 61.

Johnstown, Cambria County. *First Thursday after Third Monday.*

JOHN PENDRY, JR., R. Eminent Commander.

Geo. W. Thompson, Gen. W. E. Beachy, Capt. Gen.
Jno. J. Jones, P.E.C., Treas. Chas. C. Wehn, P.E.C., Rec.,
Johnstown, Pa.

Created, 13; died, 1; membership, 79.

Died: A. A. Barker.

LAWRENCE COMMANDERY, No. 62.

New Castle, Lawrence County. *Second Tuesday.*

HERBERT D. MCGOWN, Eminent Commander.

Charles P. Shaw, Gen. Thomas C. McIver, Capt. Gen.
DeLos Pierce, Treas. Harry K. Gregory, Rec.,
New Castle, Pa.

Created, 15; admitted, 3; resigned, 1; died, 4; suspended, 3; membership, 80.

Died: Horace G. Miller, Alonzo W. Miller, John P. Leslie, Philip Fisher.

WARREN COMMANDERY, No. 63.

Warren, Warren County. *Fourth Monday.*

WILLIAM H. DAVIS, Eminent Commander.

DeForest A. Wheelock, Gen. Fred. W. Terry, Capt. Gen.
Robt. H. Lynn, P.E.C., Treas. Willis Cowan, Rec.,
Warren, Pa.

Created, 12; resigned, 2; membership, 110.

CANTON COMMANDERY, No. 64.

Canton, Bradford County. *Tuesday after Full Moon.*

WILLIAM C. CRIPPEN, Eminent Commander.

Hollis H. Taylor, Gen. Carlton W. Manley, Capt. Gen.
Theodore Pierce, Treas. Charles E. Riggs, Rec.,
Canton, Pa.

Resigned, 2; membership, 50.

HUNTINGDON COMMANDERY, No. 65.

Huntingdon, Huntingdon County. *Fourth Monday.*

JAMES R. PATTON, Eminent Commander.

Robert A. Miller, Gen. Josiah C. Hall, Capt. Gen.
Benj. F. Isenberg, Treas. Harry W. Read, P.E.C., Rec.,
Huntingdon, Pa.

Created, 3; resigned, 1; membership, 62.

CHESTER COMMANDERY, No. 66.

Chester, Delaware County. *Second Tuesday.*

JOSEPH A. J. COMPTON, Eminent Commander.

Robert J. Knott, Gen. Stephen H. Appleton, Capt.Gen.
Harry E. Bloom, Treas. William H. Call, Rec.,
Chester, Pa.

Created, 6; died, 3; membership, 97.

Died: Lewis H. Zebley, Charles Roberts, Phineas P. Derrickson.

MOUNT CALVARY COMMANDERY, No. 67.

Greenville, Mercer County. *First Thursday.*

THOMAS C. GIBSON, Eminent Commander.

Cyrus J. Achre, Gen. Fayette Herrick, Capt. Gen.
Calvin R. Beatty, Treas. Orson A. Carlin, Rec.,
Greenville, Pa.

Created, 17; resigned, 2; membership, 89.

MELITA COMMANDERY, No. 68.

Scranton, Lackawanua County. *Second Thursday.*

JUDSON C. WOOLSEY, Eminent Commander.

James S. Porteus, Gen. Wm. H. Brutzman, Capt. Gen.
Jos. Alexander, Jr., P. G. C., Treas. Alfred H. Shopland, Rec.,
429 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, Pa.

Created, 8; suspended, 1; membership, 83.

POTTER COMMANDERY, No. 69.

Coudersport, Potter County. *Third Tuesday.*

MILTON J. POTTER, Eminent Commander.

Homer K. Lane, Gen. Isaac P. Collins, Capt. Gen.
Jas. L. Knox, P. E. C., Treas. Nelson H. Goodsell, Rec.,
Coudersport, Pa.

Created, 5; resigned, 2; died, 1; suspended, 1; membership, 95.

Died: James B. Benson.

PENNSYLVANIA COMMANDERY, No. 70.

Philadelphia. *Fourth Wednesday.*

WALTER SCOTT, Eminent Commander.

Peter V. Guerry, Gen. Vincent Saull, Capt. Gen.
William Weber, Treas. Geo. M. D. Apple, Rec.,
415 Wildey St., Philadelphia.

Created, 12; admitted, 2; resigned, 13; died, 4; membership, 253.

Died: Alfred Larson, James F. Simpson, Henry B. B. Herbert, Samuel C. Wright.

NATIVITY COMMANDERY, No. 71.

Pottstown, Montgomery County. *Fourth Tuesday.*

JACOB S. BAHR, Eminent Commander.

Augustus B. Miller, Gen. Augustus Coller, Capt. Gen.
Peter L. Egolf, Treas. Newton S. Kinzer, Rec,
Pottstown, Pa.

Created, 5; suspended, 2; membership, 90.

DUQUESNE COMMANDERY, No. 72.

Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. *Fourth Thursday.*

ROBERT B. WARD, Eminent Commander.

Albert L. Schultz, Gen. Sam'l W. Jefferis, Capt. Gen.
Wm. H. Devore, P.E.C., Treas. Wm. J. Carson, P.E.C., Rec.,
6200 Walnut St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Created, 24; admitted, 2; suspended, 2; membership, 148.

MOUNT VERNON COMMANDERY, No. 73.

Hazleton, Luzerne County. *Fourth Wednesday*

THOMAS A. HARRIS, Eminent Commander.

Hiram P. Kuntz, Gen, Fred. L. Smith, Capt. Gen.
William Glover, Treas. Chas. A Smith, P.E.C. Rec.,
Hazleton, Pa.

Created, 11; admitted, 2; died, 1; membership, 59.

Died: Thomas J. Williams.

MOSHANNON COMMANDERY, No. 74.

Philipsburg, Centre County. *Fourth Friday.*

THOMAS J. LEE, Eminent Commander.

Frank G. Harris, Gen. John W. Kitchen, Capt. Gen.
Wm. H. Denlinger, P. E. C., Treas. James H. Munson, P. E. C., Rec. Philipsburg, Pa.

Created, 9; admitted, 1; died, 3; membership, 88.

Died: Chester Munson, Walter E. Meck, Joseph C. Streamer.

GETHSEMANE COMMANDERY, No. 75.

York, York County. *Friday after First Monday.*

CHARLES I. NES, Eminent Commander.

J. Frank Small, Gen. John T. McFall, Capt. Gen.
Alex. E. McClean, Treas. Sam'l J. Rouse, P.E.C., Rec., York, Pa.

Created, 3; membership, 29.

ST. ANDREW'S COMMANDERY, No. 76.

Susquehanna, Susquehanna County. *Third Friday.*

HENRY F. MANZER, Eminent Commander.

Charles Sabin, Gen. John S. Wallace, Capt. Gen.
Chas. A. Miller, Treas. Jno. Y. Brewer, P.E.C., Rec., Lock Box 47, Susquehanna, Pa.

Created, 3; admitted, 1; membership, 57.

SHAMOKIN COMMANDERY, No. 77.

Shamokin, Northumberland County. *Second Tuesday.*

JOHN F. OSLER, Eminent Commander.

Christian J. Lessig, Gen. Wm. F. Harpel, Capt. Gen.
Henry S. Zimmerman, Treas. John B. Savidge, Rec., Shamokin, Pa.

Created, 5; resigned, 1; died, 1; membership, 55.

Died: Lemuel B. Hess.

HISTORICAL.

Table showing the time and place of holding the Conclaves of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, the Grand Commander elected, etc. and the date of death of those deceased, and Post Office address of those living.

Year	Session and Date	Place of Meeting	Elected Grand Commander.	Remarks
1854	Organization, 1757, Grand Lodge, Pa.....	Philadelphia.....	Bayse Newcomb, P. G. M.....	Di d —— ——, 1856.....
1854	June 16..... " " "	"	R. Sterling Wilson, M. E. G. M.. }	" Feb. 16, 1859 .....
1855	" 8 .... " " "	"	" " " ..... }	" May 23, 1897 .....
1856	" 13..... " " "	"	Anthony E. Stocker, M. E. G. M...	" Dec. 1, 1865 ....
1854	Organization, April 12, Grand Encamp., U. S	Brownsville	William W. Wilson..... }	" Oct. 11, 1883.....
1854	1 June 13, ...	Pittsburgh	" " ..... }	" Dec. 1, 1865..... .....
1855	2 " 12, ...	"	Charles E. Blumenthal.....	" May 29, 1882..... .....
1856	3 " 10, ...	"	William W. Wilson..... }	" July 26, 1865 .....
1857	Union.....Feb. 12, ...	Philadelphia.....	" " ..... }	" Aug. 29, 1882.....
1857	4 June 22, ...	Harrisburg	Benjamin Parke.....	P. O. Address, Bloomsburg, Pa.....
1858	5 " 22, ...	Philadelphia.....	A. Jordan Swartz.....	Died Nov. 2, 1891.....
1859	6 " 22, ...	Altoona	William H. Allen.....	" July 2, 1896.....
1860	7 " 22, ...	Reading	Christian F. Knapp.....	" Dec. 25, 1892..... .....
1861	8 " 11, ...	Pittsburgh.....	John A. Wright.....	" December, 1891.....
1862	9 " 10, ...	Easton	Edmund H. Turner.....	P. O. Address, Pittsburgh, Pa.....
1863	10 " 9, ...	Greensburg.....	H. Stanley Goodwin..... }	" " Philadelphia, Pa.....
1864	11 " 13, ...	Carlisle.....	" " ..... }	" " " " .....
1865	12 " 13, ...	Altoona	William H. Strickland.....	" " Harrisburg, Pa.....
1866	13 " 12, ...	Lancaster	Robert Pitcairn	" " Washington, D. C.....
1867	14 " 12, ...	Pittsburgh.....	*Jeremiah L. Hutchinson.....	" " Washington, D. C.....
1867	Special,.....Sept. 26, ...	Philadelphia.....	" "	" " Lancaster, Pa.....
1868	15 June 9.	Scranton	John Vallerchamp	Died Jan. 11, 1889.....
1869	16 " 8, ...	Erie	James H. Hopkins.....	" Nov. 11, 1895.....
1870	17 " 14, ...	Williamsport.....	Henry B. McKean.....	P. O. Address, Great Bend, Pa.....
1871	18 " 13, ...	Harrisburg.....	Charles M. Howell.....	Died Feb. 14, 1891.....
1872	19 " 11, ...	Reading.....	Geter C. Shidle.....	P. O. Address, Columbia, Pa.....
1873	20 May 13, ...	Meadville	Grant Weidman.....	" " Harrisburg, Pa.....
1874	21 " 12, ...	Bellefonte	*John H. Dusenbury.....	" " Meadville, Pa.....
1875	22 " 25, ...	Pittsburgh.....	Charles H. Kingston	" " Lebanon, Pa.....
1876	23 " 30, ...	Philadelphi	Andrew J. Kauffman.....	" " Pittsburgh, Pa.....
1877	24 " 29, ...	Lancaster	William H. Egle.....	" " Philadelphia, Pa.....
1878	25 " 28, ...	Altoona	Samuel B. Dick.....	" " Lancaster, Pa.....
1879	26 " 27, ...	Allentown	John P. S. Gobin.....	Died June 29, 1896.....
1880	27 " 25, ...	Williamsport	DeWitt C. Carroll.....	" Aug. 30, 1893.....
1881	28 " 31, ...	Scranton	George W. Kendrick, Jr.....	P. O. Address, Scranton, Pa.....
1882	29 " 30, ...	Allegheny	B. Frank Breneman	" " Philadelphia, Pa.....
1883	30 " 29, ...	Lancaster	Charles W. Batchelor.....	" " Pittsburgh, Pa.....
1884	31 " 27, ...	Erie.....	Edwin G. Martin.....	" " Philadelphia, Pa.....
1885	32 " 29, ...	Allentown	Joseph Alexander, Jr.....	" " Lock Haven, Pa.....
1886	33 " 25, ...	Scranton	George S. Graham.....	Died May 9, 1893.....
1887	34 " 24, ...	Philadelphia.....	Lee S. Smith.....	" May 26, 1897 .....
1888	35 " 22, ...	Pittsburgh.....	William W. Allen.....	P. O. Address, Towanda, Pa.....
1889	36 " 28, ...	Easton	Torrence C. Hipple.....	Died March 28, 1894..... .....
1890	37 " 27.	Lock Haven.....	John J. Wadsworth.....	P. O. Address, Norristown, Pa.....
1891	38 " 26, ...	Erie	Joseph S. Wright	" " " " .....
1892	39 " 24, ...	Philadelphia.....	James H. Codding.....	" " Philadelphia, Pa.....
1893	40 " 23, ...	Wilkes-Barre	Charles C. Baer.....	" " Easton, Pa.....
1894	41 " 22, ...	Pittsburgh.....	Irving P. Wanger.....	" " Harrisburg.....
1894	Special,..... June 9, ...	Philadelphia.....	" "	Johnstown, Pa.....
1895	42 May 28, ...	Reading	Edward B. Spencer.....	
1896	43 " 27, ...	Scranton	Samuel S. Yohe	
1897	44 " 25, ...	Easton	Harry M. Van Zandt.....	
1898	45 " 24, ...	Harrisburg.....	Henry H. Kuhn.....	

* Not at present a member of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.

Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, from Union, 1857.

The Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania under Grand Lodge F. and A. M. of Pennsylvania, first organized 1797, reorganized 1854. The Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania under the Grand Encampment, U. S. of A., organized 1854.

Year	Grand Commander.	Deputy Grand Com.	Grand Generalissimo.	Grand Captain-General	Grand Prelate.	Grand Senior Warden.	Grand Junior Warden.
1857	Wm. W. Wilson.	Benjamin Parke.	A. H. Tippin.	H. H. Frisbie.	A. B. Clark.		
1858	Benjamin Parke.	A. Jordan Swartz.	James L. Gore.	C. F. Knapp.	O. H. Tiffany.		
1859	A. Jordan Swartz.	Wm. H. Allen.	C. F. Knapp.	J. A. Wright.	B. R. Waugh.	J. L. Hutchinson.	Alex. Wishart.
1860	Wm. H. Allen.	C. F. Knapp.	John A. Wright.	J. L. Hutchinson.	B. R. Waugh.	Alex. Wishart.	E. H. Turner.
1861	Christian F. Knapp.	John A. Wright.	J. L. Hutchinson.	E. H. Turner.	M. C. Lightner.	Wm. H. Strickland.	Geo. R. Clark.
1862	John A. Wright.	E. H. Turner.	H. R. Hawman.	H. D. Lowe.	W. H. Lecke.	E. C. Smeed.	G. B. Schall,
1863	Edmund H. Turner.	Jer. L. Hutchinson.	W. H. Strickland.	Wm. Chatland.	J. Clark Hagey.	H. S. Goodwin.	C. A. Banvart.
1864	H. Stanley Goodwin.	Isaac Whittier.	Robert Pitcairn.	Wm. Chatland.	H. M. Johnson.	S. E. Bilger.	Jos. Godfrey.
1865	H. Stanley Goodwin.	W. H. Strickland.	Robert Pitcairn.	Chas. A. Banvart.	C. M. Howell.	E. Cornman.	J. Vallerchamp.
1866	Wm. H. Strickland.	Robert Pitcairn.	Chas. A. Banvart.	John Vallerchamp.	J. R. Dimm.	J. H. Hopkins.	H. B. McKean.
1867	Robert Pitcairn.	Jer. L. Hutchinson.	Chas. A. Banvart,	John Vallerchamp.	J. R. Dimm.	J. H. Hopkins.	H. B. McKean.
1868	Jer. L. Hutchinson.	John Vallerchamp.	James H. Hopkins.	Henry B. McKean.	R. H. Pattison.	C. M. Howell.	A. Miller.
1869	John Vallerchamp.	James H. Hopkins.	Henry B. McKean.	Charles M. Howell.	J. J. Elsegood.	A. Miller.	F. J. Evans.
1870	James H. Hopkins.	Henry B. McKean.	Charles M. Howell.	Geter C. Shidle.	J. R. Dimm.	F. J. Evans.	N. Smith.
1871	Henry B. McKean.	Charles M. Howell.	Abram Miller.	F. J. Evans.	Jos. S. Evans.	N. Smith.	G. C. Shidle.
1872	Charles M. Howell.	Abram Miller.	F. J. Evans.	Nathan Smith.	R. H. Pattison.	G. C. Shidel.	Grant Weidman.
1873	Geter C. Shidle.	Grant Weidman.	John H. Dusenbury.	Chas. H. Kingston.	R. H. Pattison.	A. J. Kauffman.	W. H. Egle.
1874	Grant Weidman.	John H. Dusenbury.	Chas. H. Kingston.	A. J. Kauffman.	R. H. Pattison.	W. H. Egle.	S. B. Dick.
1875	John H. Dusenbury.	Chas. H. Kingston.	A. J. Kauffman.	William H. Egle.	R. H. Pattison.	S. B. Dick.	J. P. S. Gobin.
1876	Chas. H. Kingston.	A. J. Kauffman.	William H. Egle.	Samuel P. Dick.	Daniel Washburn.	J. P. S. Gobin.	D. W. C. Carroll.
1877	A. J. Kauffman.	William H. Egle.	Samuel B. Dick.	John P. S. Gobin.	Daniel Washburn.	D. W. C. Carroll.	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.
1878	William H. Egle.	Samuel B. Dick.	John P. S. Gobin.	D. W. C. Carroll.	Daniel Washburn.	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	B. Frank Breneman,
1879	Samuel B. Dick.	John P. S. Gobin.	D. W. C. Carroll.	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Daniel Washburn.	B. Frank Breneman.	Chas. W. Batchelor.
1880	John. P. S. Gobin.	D. W C. Carroll.	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	B. Frank Breneman.	A. V. C. Schenck.	Chas. W. Batchelor.	Edwin G. Martin.
1881	D. W. C. Carroll.	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	B. Frank Breneman.	Chas. W. Batchelor.	A. V. C. Schenck.	Edwin G. Martin.	Jos. Alexander, Jr.
1882	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	B. Frank Breneman.	Chas. W. Batchelor.	Edwin G. Martin.	A. V. C. Schenck.	Jos. Alexander, Jr.	George S. Graham.
1883	B. Frank Breneman.	Chas. W. Batchelor.	Edwin G. Martin.	Jos. Alexander, Jr.	A. V. C. Schenck.	George S. Graham.	Lee S. Smith.
1884	Chas. W. Batchelor.	Edwin G. Martin.	Jos. Alexander, Jr.	Ceo. S. Graham.	John Hewett.	Lee S. Smith.	William W. Allen.
1885	Edwin G. Martin.	Jos. Alexander, Jr.	George S. Graham.	Lee S. Smith.	John Hewett.	William W. Allen.	Torrence C. Hipple.
1886	Jos. Alexander, Jr.	George S. Graham.	Lee S. Smith.	William W. Allen.	W. Henry Platt.	Torrence C. Hipple.	John J. Wadsworth.
1887	George S. Graham.	Lee S. Smith.	William W. Allen.	Torrence C. Hipple.	W. Henry Platt.	John J. Wadsworth.	Joseph S. Wright.
1888	Lee S. Smith.	William W. Allen.	Torrence C. Hipple.	John J. Wadsworth.	W. Henry Platt.	Joseph S. Wright.	James H. Codding.
1889	William W. Allen.	Torrence C. Hipple.	John J. Wadsworth.	Joseph S. Wright.	W. Henry Platt.	James H. Codding.	Charles C. Baer.
1890	Torrence C. Hipple.	John J. Wadsworth.	Jos. S. Wright.	J. H. Codding.	W. Henry Platt.	Chas. C. Baer,	Irving P. Wanger.
1891	John J. Wadsworth.	Jos. S. Wright.	J. H. Codding.	Chas. C. Baer.	W. Henry Platt.	Irving P. Wanger.	Edward B. Spencer.
1892	Joseph S. Wright.	J. H. Codding.	Chas. C. Baer.	Irving P. Wanger.	A. H. Ryan.	Edward B. Spencer.	Samuel S. Yohe.
1893	James H. Codding.	Charles C. Baer.	Irving P. Wanger.	Edward B. Spencer.	A. H. Ryan.	Samuel S. Yohe.	Harry M. Van Zandt.
1894	Chas. C. Baer,	Irving P. Wanger.	Edward B. Spencer.	Samuel S. Yohe.	A. H. Ryan.	Harry M. Van Zandt.	Henry H. Kuhn.
1895	Irving P. Wanger,	Edward B. Spencer.	Samuel S. Yohe.	Harry M. Van Zandt.	Chas. T. Morgan.	Henry H. Kuhn.	James B. Youngson.
1896	Edward B. Spencer.	Samuel S. Yohe.	Harry M. Van Zandt.	Henry H Kuhn.	Chas. T. Morgan.	James B. Youngson.	Adam H. Schmehl.
1897	Samuel S. Yohe.	Harry M. Van Zandt.	Henry H. Kuhn.	James B. Youngson.	Charles M. Stock.	Adam H. Schmehl.	Thomas F. Penman.
1898	Harry M. Van Zandt.	Henry H. Kuhn.	James B. Youngson.	Adam H. Schmehl.	Thomas N. Boyle.	Thomas F. Penman.	Ezra S. Bartlett.
1899	Henry H. Kuhn.	James B. Youngson.	Adam H. Schmehl.	Thomas F. Penman.	Thomas N. Boyle.	Ezra S. Bartlett.	Charles M. Stock.

GRAND OFFICERS. - Continued.

Year	Grand Treasurer	Grand Recorder	Gr. Standard Bearer.	Grand Sword Bearer.	Grand Warder.	Gr. Capt. of the Guard	Grand Marshal.
1857	A. Culbertson.	Alfred Creigh.					No. appointment.
1858	"	"					"
1859	"	"	Geo. R. Clarke.	Geo. H. Bull.	W. G. Warden.	H. L. Smith.	"
1860	"	"	Geo. R. Clarke.	Geo. H. Bull.	W. G. Warden.	Step. Orth.	"
1861	"	"	Richard Coulter.	Herbert Thomas.	H. R. Hawman.	L. M. Scott.	"
1862	"	"	S. Hayden.	I. McAlister.	S. B. Cooper.	J. Benedict.	"
1863	Isaac Whittier.	"	Wm. Lilly.	George E. Fox.	W. J. Long.	W. R. Terry.	"
1864	John Edwards.	"	Geo. E. Fox.	E. Knapp.	Z. P. Bierer.	J. Hardy.	"
1865	Isaac Whittier.	"	Geo. E. Fox.	E. Knapp.	Z. P. Bierer.		"
1866	R. A. O. Kerr.	"	E. Knapp.	Z. P. Bierer.	F. J. Evans.	J. M. Westhaeffer.	"
1867	"	"	E. Knapp.	Z. P. Bierer.	F. J. Evans.	C. F. Porter.	"
1868	"	"	E. Knapp.	Z. P. Bierer.	F. J. Evans.	Geo. P. McMillan.	"
1869	"	"	E. B. Young.	J. H. Dusenbury.	Chas. E. Meyer.	S. S. Smith.	"
1870	"	"	S. B. Dick.	W. H. Egle.	C. H. Kingston.	J. A. Vanderslice.	"
1871	M. Richards Muckle.	"	Grant Weidman.	J. H. Dusenbury.	J. L. Young.	Michael Bender.	Edward Masson.
1872	"	Charles E. Meyer.	D. J. Martin.	J. M. Westhaeffer.	C. H. Kingston.	C. L. Stowell.	"
1873	"	"	J. A. Smull.	R. A. Packer.	A. Robeno, Jr.	H. C. L. Crecelius.	"
1874	"	"	J. H. Israel.	Edward Masson.	J. P. S. Gobin.	C. Curtin.	No appointment.
1875	"	"	Jesse Orr.	W. H. Egle.	E. P. Kingsbury.	J. M. Scott.	"
1876	"	"	James Houston.	W. H. Egle.	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	J. F. Quilman.	"
1877	"	"	John J. Heisler.	H. T. Beardsley.	B. F. Breneman.	Henry Geddes.	"
1878	"	"	Wm. C. Hamilton.	Chas. W. Batchelor.	John A. Smull.	William H. Slack.	"
1879	"	"	Theodore Cornman.	Edward Masson.	Geo. V. Maus.	Edwin G. Martin.	"
1880	"	"	John Slingluff.	Jos. M. Selheimer.	William W. Allen.	Frank H. Kellar.	"
1881	"	"	Henry S. Stoner.	Lee S. Smith.	Robert E. Patterson.	Edward L. Buck.	"
1882	"	"	William W. Allen.	Torrence C. Hipple.	William N. Viguers.	Nat. P. Ramsey.	Edward Masson.
1883	"	"	George T. Oliver.	William A. Morton.	William N. Viguers.	Joseph H. Simonds.	"
1884	"	"	James H. Murdock.	Frank Mills.	John J. Wadsworth.	Benj. Kauffman.	"
1885	"	"	Augustus F. Shick.	Edward W. Mills.	John C. Kelley.	J. A. Vanderslice.	"
1886	"	"	Ezra H. Ripple.	Charles C. Baer.	Joseph S. Wright.	William H. Ryan.	"
1887	"	"	Edward B. Spencer.	Charles C. Baer.	Irving P. Wanger.	James H. Codding.	"
1888	"	"	Edward B. Spencer.	Joseph H. Simons. D. Gale French.	John McKain.	John A. Marchand.	Lewis T. Brown.
1889	"	"	H. M. Van Zandt.	Samuel W. Wray.	Wm. H. Burkhardt.	William H. Slack.	Irving P. Wanger.
1890	"	"	J. A. Vanderslice.	S. S. Yohe.	D. B. Else.	H. Chapman.	Ed. B. Spencer.
1891	"	"	Frank M. Highley.	F. McSparren.	D. Gale French.	F. M. Ross.	H. H. Kuhn.
1892	"	"	J. A. Vanderslice.	A. H. Woodward.	H. M. Van Zandt.	W. H. Senderling.	H. H. Kuhn,
1893	"	"	Charles L. Tracy.	W. W. Whitman.	W. A. Cochran.	Frank H. Platt.	W. I. Fleming.
1894	"	Mont H. Smith.	Wm. H. Burkhardt.	Thos. F. Penman.	James B. Youngson.	George A. Carsten.	Lewis T. Brown.
1895	Isaac Albertson.	"	Thaddeus S. Adle.	John C. Owsley.	Hubert D. Judd.	J. A. Vanderslice.	Robert J. Linden.
1896	"	"	Charles Cary.	Ezra S. Bartlett.	Robert P. Mercer.	J. A. Vanderslice.	Harvey A. McKillip.
1897	"	"	Pennell C. Evans.	John T. Beardsley.	Edwin H. Coane.	J. A. Vanderslice.	William J. Diehl.
1898	John Jay Gilroy.	William W. Allen.	Wm. Fox Eckbert, Jr.	John C. Wallace.	Frederick Munch.	Peter Barkey.	Owen M. Copelin.
1899	John Jay Gilroy.	William W. Allen.	Charles P. Walker.	Wm. M. Donaldson.	Curtis G. Campbell.	John O'Donnell.	Frederick W. Tyrrell.

OFFICERS.

OF THE

Grand Commandery

Knights Templar of Pennsylvania

1898-1899.

Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir Henry H. Kuhn, ... Johnstown.

Deputy Grand Commander.

V. E. Sir James B. Youngson, ... Pittsburgh.

Grand Generalissimo.

E. Sir Adam H. Schmehl, ... Reading.

Grand Captain-General.

E. Sir Thomas F. Penman, ... Scranton.

Grand Prelate.

E. Sir and Rev. Thomas N. Boyle, ... Pittsburgh.

Grand Senior Warden.

E. Sir Ezra S. Bartlett, ... Philadelphia.

Grand Junior Warden.

E. Sir Charles M. Stock, ... York.

Grand Treasurer.

E. Sir John Jay Gilroy, ... Philadelphia.

Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir William W. Allen, ... Philadelphia.

Grand Standard Bearer.

E. Sir Charles P. Walker, ... Pittsburgh.

Grand Sword Bearer.

E. Sir William M. Donaldson, ... Harrisburg.

Grand Warder.

E. Sir Curtis G. Campbell, ... Johnstown.

Grand Captain of the Guard.

E. Sir John O'Donnel, ... Philadelphia.

Grand Marshal.

E. Sir Frederick W. Tyrrell, ... Wilkesbarre.

Herald.

Sir Monroe A. Althouse, ... Reading.